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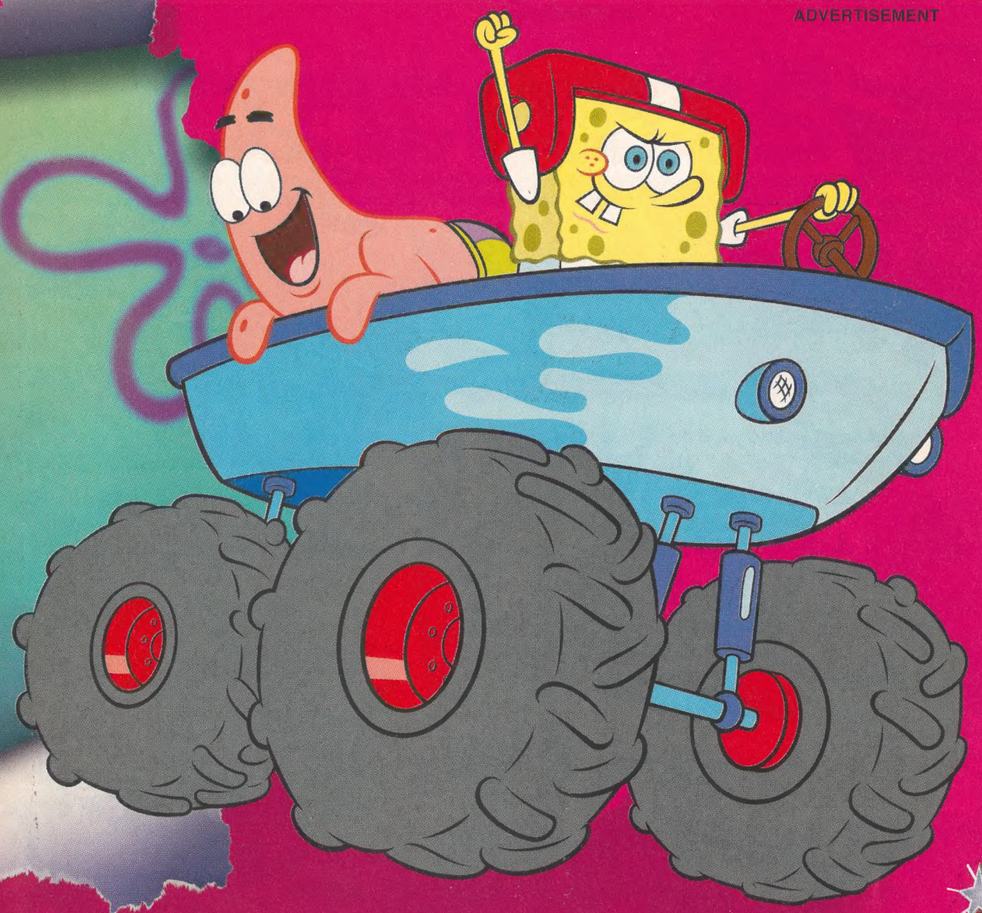
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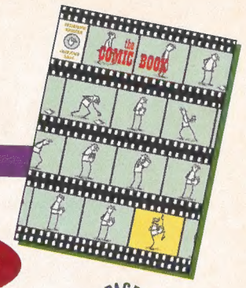
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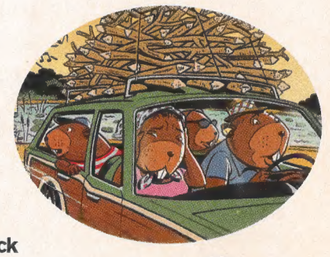
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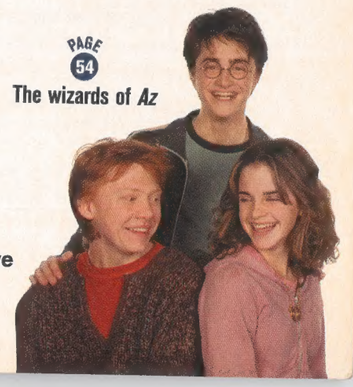
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Welcome to the

Entertainment Issue

Start your summer with our sizzling celebration of movies, music, TV, and other things to entertain your brain.



Three things you should know about this magazine:

1. If you see this Real the story is true.
2. This dog is Zelda Van Gutters. She tells it like it is throughout the issue.
3. Editor John-Ryan Hevron visited the set of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* for this issue's cover story. We think the article is great, but we also think John-Ryan is overdoing the whole "I met Harry Potter" thing.



NICK MAG POLL

Please entertain *us* with your answers to this month's poll.

What form of entertainment should be banned?

a. School plays. c. Any form of robot battling.
b. Reality shows. d. Puppet shows.

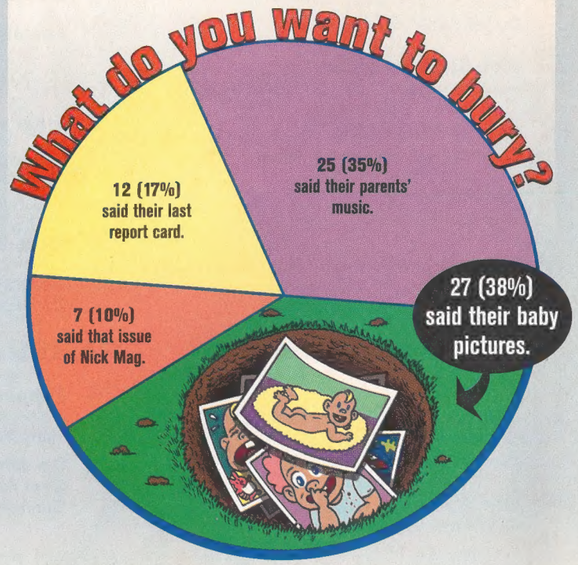


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Real

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A few months ago, in our Underground Issue, we asked our readers what they'd like to bury in their backyard, never to be seen again. Seventy-one readers replied. The results are in the chart below, never to be seen again!



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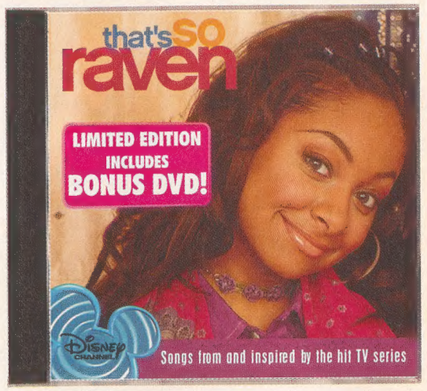
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Real What's New on Nick

About the April issue



Dear Nick Mag,
I went to Apex Prank Technical School, and it was harsh. Every time I walked around a corner, I'd slip on a banana peel or get a pie thrown in my face.
Jessika A.
via e-mail

Dear Jessika,
It's even harsher than you think. That A+ you got on your final exam was really a D-.

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Dear Nick Mag,
I really liked the "Application for Sidekick Position." I'm really into superheroes, and it cheered up my day. Thanks for including it.
Joey H., age 11
Florida



Dear Joey,
That application made us realize that *we* could use some sidekicks. Any interest? You just have to write our stories, massage our feet, and make sure that we don't run out of snacks.



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Dear Nick Mag,
I'm a huge Elijah Wood fan. I was so happy when I saw him on the cover of the August/September 1994 issue in the pullout poster of Nick Mag's first 100 covers. Since I was about three then and obviously couldn't read, I wonder if there was an article about him in that issue.
Megan V.
Clarkson, Michigan

Dear Megan,
In that issue, we interviewed then-13-year-old Elijah about a movie he was in called *North*. But don't rush out to rent it. When Roger Ebert reviewed it, he wrote, "I hated this movie. Hated hated hated hated hated this movie. Hated it." At the box office, *North* went south.



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Dear Nick Mag,
I loved "Justice Little League" from Shorts and Briefs. I wish I could be like the Fly Baller! In softball I have not caught a fly ball yet. When I try, I just slip in the mud.
Haiden L.
via e-mail



Dear Haiden,
If you keep slipping in the mud, maybe you'd be better off as a superhero called the Cleat, with superstrong toenails that keep you firmly anchored at all times. Or you could just stop playing in mud.

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(include your name, age, address, and phone number) to:

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Starting Tuesday, June 1, *U-Pick Live* will kick off Nickelodeon's 25th birthday bash with:

- celebrity guests
- live performances
- prizes
- tons of mess
- new episodes



U-Pick Live will feature picks from Nick's vault of old-school shows, including *Double Dare*, *The Adventures of Pete and Pete* (left), *Figure It Out*, and more.



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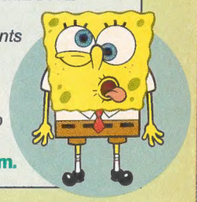
This summer, Friday nights on Nick are something to write home about, with a new movie or event every week. Turn to page 72 for more details.

Shows air one hour earlier in the central time zone. Show times are subject to change. Check nick.com or local listings for details.

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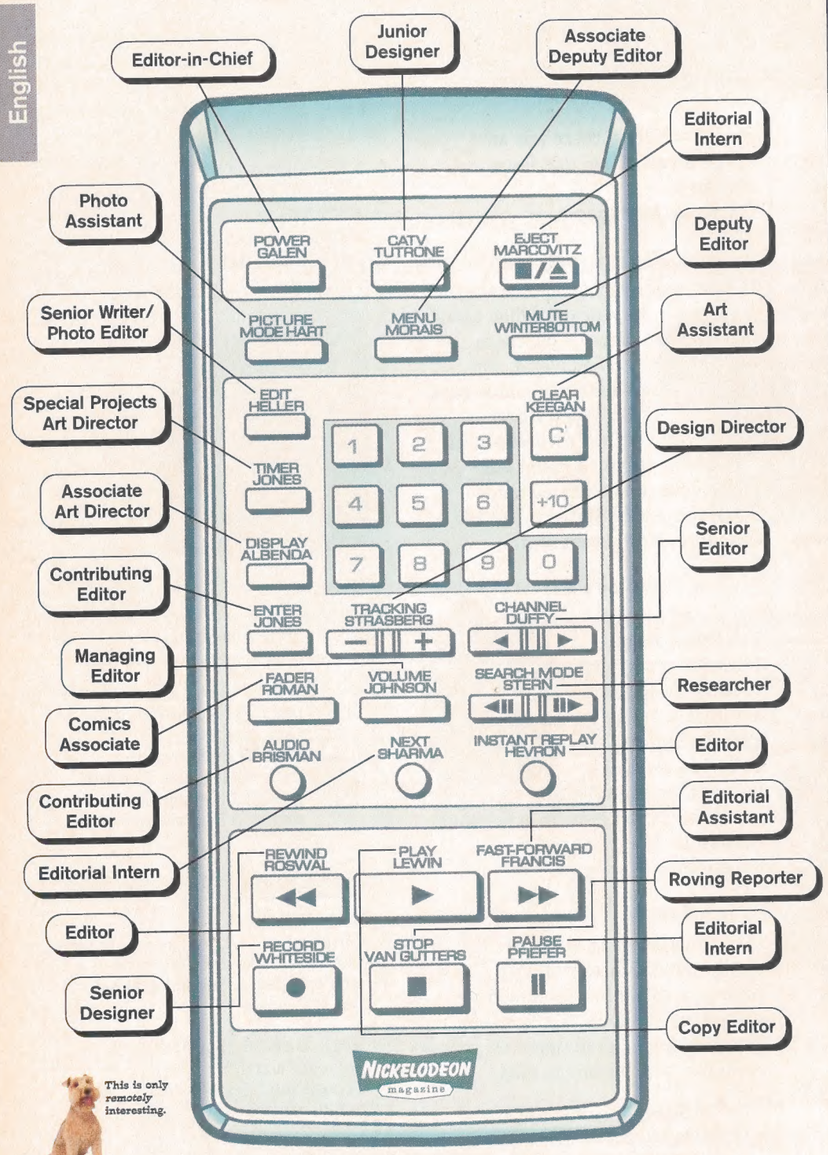
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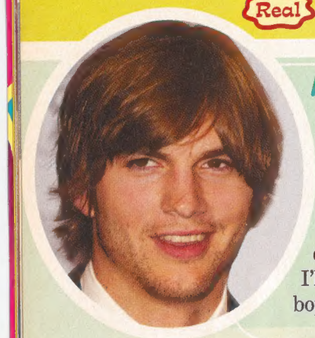
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The Celeb Page

Real **We asked these seven stars about what entertains them.**



Ashton Kutcher
actor

Whom would you love to sing a duet with?
I don't sing, [*laughs*] so somebody good so they could do all the stuff and I'll do a little background bop-bop or something.



Laura Prepon
of *That '70s Show*

Whom would you love to star in a movie with?
Probably Nicole Kidman—I could play her sister. We're both redheads.





Keisha Castle-Hughes
of *Whale Rider*

Whom would you love to star in a movie with?
Everyone knows I'm over the moon for Johnny Depp. I would love to be in a movie with him. Maybe someday.



Ben Affleck
actor

What's your guilty pleasure when it comes to TV?
Survivor. I love *Survivor: All-Stars*. My mother watches it, too. I've seen all of them.



Michael Rosenbaum of *Smallville*

What's your guilty pleasure when it comes to TV?
I have to admit I like *Survivor* and other reality shows. I don't watch a lot of TV, but I like watching people act really stupid.



Eve
rapper and actress

Whom would you love to sing with?
There are only two: OutKast and Lauryn Hill. They're at the top of my list.



Josh Peck of *Drake & Josh*

What's your guilty pleasure when it comes to TV?
The O.C. I'm from Orange County and the show is not at all like Orange County. I like to watch it to see how *not* like Orange County it is.

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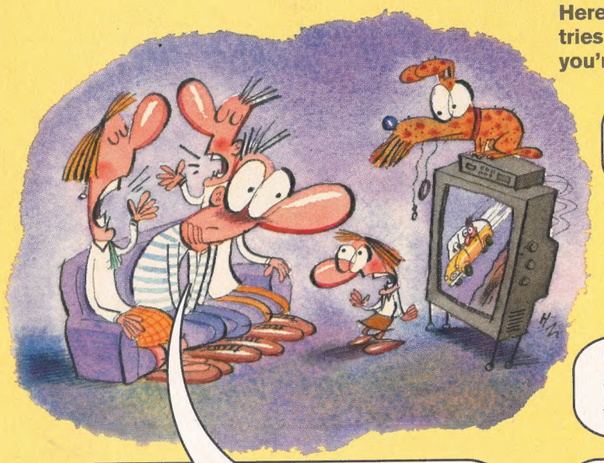
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ANSWER: Billina is an usher. George handed her the tickets for her to rip. He's seeing the movie with his little brother and she was just doing her job.

"Coming Up Next: Be Quiet!"

Here are some things to say to someone who tries to start a conversation with you while you're watching a TV show you like.



"Hold on, I have a really bad headache and the only way to get rid of it is to be totally silent and hold my head just like this."

"Wait! Did they just say something about George W. Bush getting married to Oprah Winfrey? Let's listen carefully."

"I'd love to chat, but they're showing the movie version of the book that I didn't read for a test tomorrow."

"*Shh.* The announcer just said that it's going to rain frozen toads tonight and then a tidal wave of candy corn is going to hit our town."

"I think I just saw you in the background of that last scene. Let's keep watching quietly to check."

Pop Star or Pupster?

Which would you rather be?



Pop Star



I'm both.

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You appear all over the newspapers.

You get to play music all day.

You pee all over the newspapers.

You get to play all day.

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You always get the best seat in the restaurant.	You can't even get a seat on the couch.
Fans slobber over you.	You slobber over everything.
You think you're the cutest thing on earth.	You *are* the cutest thing on earth.

JAILHOUSE ROCK

Downloading music without paying has been a hot topic lately. Some kids (and adults) have even gotten into legal trouble for doing it. Here are some punishments to fit the musical crimes.

ILLEGALLY DOWNLOADED SONG:
"Toxic" by Britney Spears
PUNISHMENT:
You're put in a cell with prisoners who are on a baked-beans-only diet.



ILLEGALLY DOWNLOADED SONG:
"One Call Away" by Chingy, featuring J.Weav
PUNISHMENT: You're never allowed to make that one call to your lawyer.



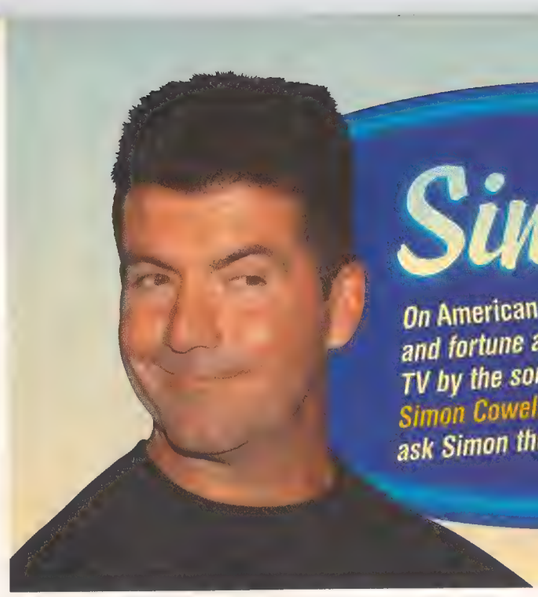
ILLEGALLY DOWNLOADED SONG:
"Come Clean" by Hilary Duff
PUNISHMENT:
You have to take 10 showers a day and clean your cell with a Q-tip.

ILLEGALLY DOWNLOADED SONG: "100 Years" by Five for Fighting
PUNISHMENT: You have to listen to "100 Years" for exactly 100 years.

ILLEGALLY DOWNLOADED SONG:
"Numb" by Linkin Park
PUNISHMENT:
You must go to the dentist five days a week for three years.



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Simon Says

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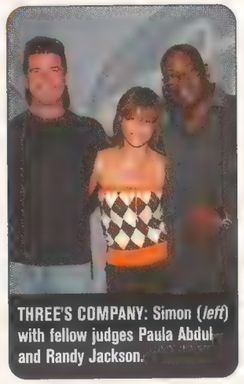
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NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How long do you have to listen to someone sing before you can tell how good they are?

SIMON COWELL: I'd say about thirty seconds. Sometimes even less than that.

Do contestants try to get on your good side before their performance?

Usually, but I do my best to make sure we have as little contact as possible throughout the auditions.



THREE'S COMPANY: Simon (*left*) with fellow judges Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson.

Do you plan your lines ahead of time?

The secret to being a good judge is that you're saying what other people are thinking. I wouldn't even think of one thing to say in advance.

Are Randy and Paula too nice?

I don't think so. I listen to Paula, and it amazes me how she can look at the bright side of something. I'm more cynical and she's more optimistic. If they were both like me, it would be a very boring show.

Is singing more of a skill or a talent?

It really is a gift when you hear a great singer like Kelly Clarkson. That's what you try to find in a competition like ours. Fantasia Barrino [from the third season] has something really unusual and unique, and I think that's a talent.

What do you think is the single best performance you've seen to date?

One that comes to my mind is Tamyra Gray from the first season. She sang a song called "A House Is Not a Home." I think that's probably the best-ever performance.

What song would you hate no matter who sang it?

"Crazy" by Patsy Cline and the Disney song "A Whole New World." I hate them.



"Christina Aguilera... probably has the best voice."

Who is the most talented singer in pop music today?

Christina Aguilera. She, to me, is the new Whitney Houston, the new Mariah Carey. I think she probably has the best voice.

Who is the worst pop singer who has made it?

I would have to put Enrique Iglesias fairly high, and I base that on hearing him sing live on *Last Call with Carson Daly.* It was one of the worst things I have ever heard in my life. As I was listening to him, I was thinking, "If you came to our competition and sang like that, you'd be thrown out of the audition."



"Frank Sinatra... was a real star."

Do you sing in the shower?

No, because I take baths.

Do you sing in the bath?

No.

Who's *your* idol?

Frank Sinatra. He was a cool guy. He was a real star.

How would you judge this interview?

Actually, it's pretty good! ❐

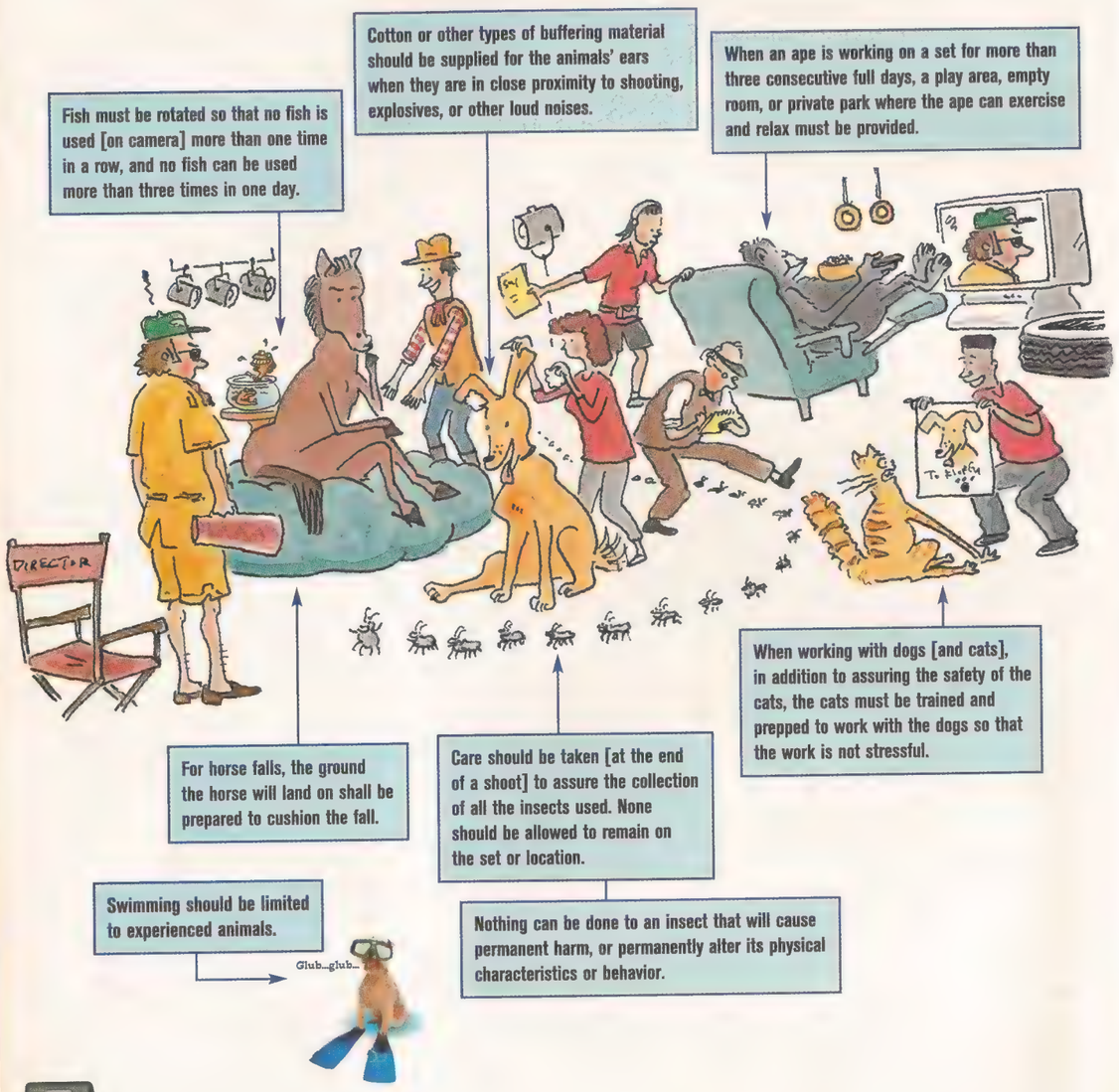


I'll be the judge of that.

Real Beast in Show

by Lynda Jones

No actor should have to work like a dog–even if the actor *is* a dog. Here are some official rules for animal actors that were developed by the American Humane Association's Film and TV Unit, which monitors the treatment of nonhuman actors.

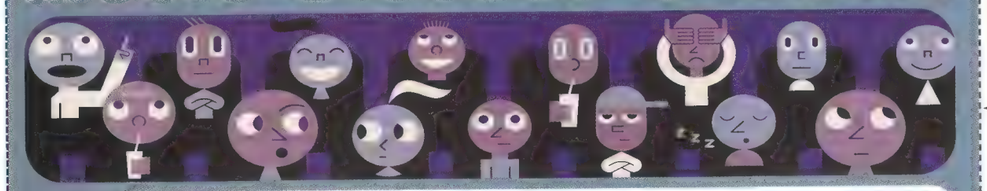


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Movie Discuss-O-Matic



Use this form to make conversation as easy as 1-2-3 after a movie ends.

Name of movie: _____

My thoughts: (Circle one item in each column, then hand the card to your moviegoing companion.)	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	"I couldn't sit through	the special effects,	but I loved the camera work."
	"I wasn't crazy about	the kissing scene,	but the soundtrack was awesome."
	"I totally slept through	the closing credits,	but I plan to see the next showing."
	"I cried during	the car chase,	and I want my money back."
	"I went crazy for	the intense final scene,	and now I feel like throwing up."
	"I didn't understand	the bathroom scene,	but the dog was cute."
	"There was nothing original about	the part when the mother marries the alien,	and I am never going to another movie again."

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Please offer to buy him or her some popcorn or a soda to show your gratitude.

Thank you.
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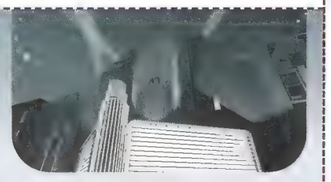
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Dear Guest:

Please help us improve your moviegoing experience by filling out this customer satisfaction survey. Drop your survey in the special collection box, which looks like this, in the lobby:



1. How did the theater smell?
   - ❍ Like fresh popcorn.
   - ❍ Like fresh farts.
   - ❍ Like old mildew.

2. Were you able to see the screen?
   - ❍ Yes.
   - ❍ No.
   - ❍ What screen?

3. How did you find the snacks?
   - ❍ Good.
   - ❍ Fair.
   - ❍ I looked underneath my seat.

4. How was the concession staff?
   - ❍ Speedy.
   - ❍ Slower than molasses.
   - ❍ I'm still waiting for my jujubes.

5. What did you think of the sound?
   - ❍ I couldn't hear it over the conversations going on around me.
   - ❍ It was so loud that I now need a hearing aid. I'll bill you later.
   - ❍ I'd prefer it if you just played _____ (name of band) instead of the movie soundtrack.

6. How was the restroom?
   - ❍ Clean.
   - ❍ Dirty.
   - ❍ Better than the movie.

ATTENTION, MOVIEGOER!

The movie you are about to see is interactive. Please participate by doing the following:

- Hum along whenever there is music.
- Whenever the hero does something good, throw popcorn into the air and yell "Yesssss!"
- If a dog appears on-screen, bark three times and whistle or holler "Here, boy."

Thank you for your cooperation.
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ARE YOU SURE THAT IT'S--

FIZZ SPARK

HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?

-SWIPE-

WHAT!?

ALL OUR JUICY FRUIT... IT'S GONE!!!

I KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

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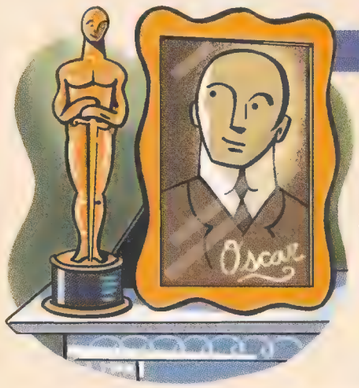
Maria D. Rosado went behind the scenes for the answers to these questions.



Is the butter on movie theater popcorn real?

No. Butter will spoil if it's not refrigerated. Oil, however, can be stored easily for long periods of time. The yellow topping pumped onto your popcorn is usually a butter-*flavored* oil. And it is far from healthy. Depending on what type of oil the kernels are popped in, a large popcorn with topping can contain as much saturated fat as eight Big Macs.

Flavorings and colorings make the golden goop resemble molten butter. Often, there's also an ingredient called dimethylpolysiloxane, which labels say "inhibits foaming." We know people go crazy for movie popcorn, but let's hope that doesn't involve foaming at the mouth.



Why is the Academy Award statuette named Oscar?

For 76 years, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has been giving Oscars to people who work in the movie industry. But no one is sure how the statuette got its name. The most popular story is that in 1928, Academy librarian Margaret Herrick took one look at the very first statuette and said, "It looks just like my Uncle Oscar!" For the next six years, only moviemaking insiders called the award Oscar. A reporter let the statuette's secret identity slip out in 1934, and the little golden man was officially introduced as Oscar at the awards ceremony five years later.

How do TV executives know if their shows are popular?

A company called Nielsen Media Research measures what people in more than 20,000 homes in the United States watch every day. The company supplies each family with electronic equipment that hooks up to TVs, VCRs, and cable boxes to monitor what channels they watch. During February, May, and November more than a million households are also asked to keep track of their viewing habits. The information helps television stations find out what shows are the most popular, so they can decide how much money to charge for ads and which shows to keep or can. ❑



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A *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*



B *Elf*



C *Austin Powers 2*

Some movie quotes become so famous that everyone knows which film they're from, such as "May the Force be with you" (*Star Wars*) and "Groovy, baby!" (*Austin Powers*). But can you match each line below to the movie it comes from? Take an extra bow if you know which character in the movie said each quote. Answers on page 79.

by Marc Tyler Nobleman

1. "You do too much. You're not Superman, you know."

2. "Now, if you two don't mind, I'm going to bed before either of you come up with another clever idea to get us killed. Or worse, expelled."

3. "You're quasi-evil. You're semi-evil. You're the margarine of evil. You're the Diet Coke of evil: just one calorie, not evil enough."

4. "Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering."

5. "There's nothing more toxic or deadly than a human child. Leave a door open, and one can walk right into this factory."

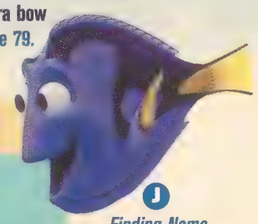
6. "The moonlight shows us for what we really are."

7. "A day may come when the strength of men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of fellowship, but it is not this day."

8. "I passed through the seven levels of the Candy Cane Forest, through the Sea of Swirly-Twirly Gumdrops, and then I walked through the Lincoln Tunnel."

9. "Mutation. It is the key to our evolution. It has enabled us to evolve from a single-celled organism into the dominant species on the planet."

10. "Fish are our friends, not food."



J *Finding Nemo*



I *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*



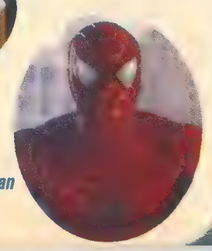
H *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*



E *X-Men*



D *Star Wars: Episode I–The Phantom Menace*



F *Spider-Man*

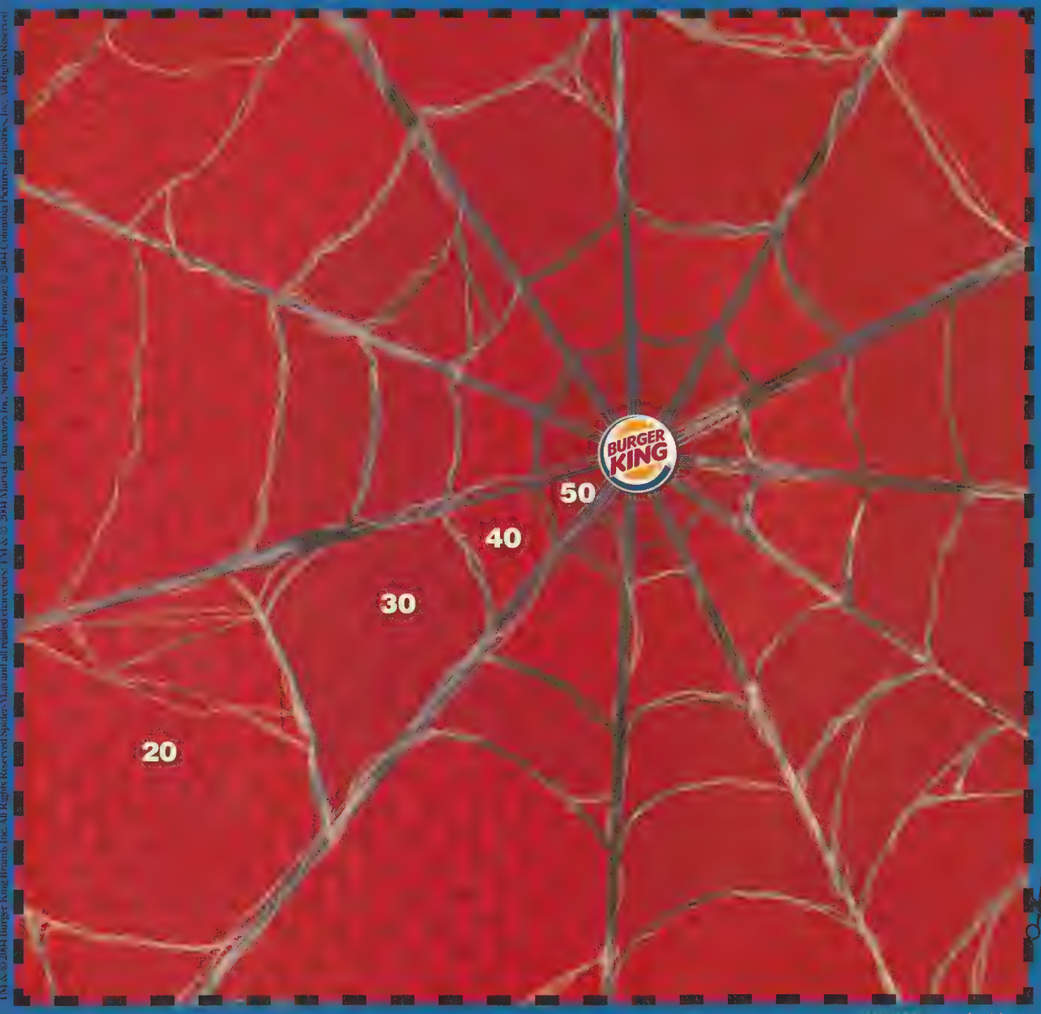


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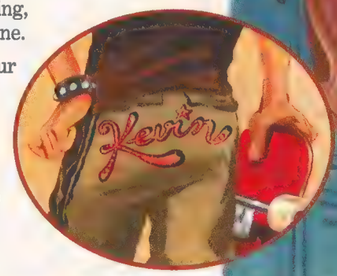


Nearly everybody *wants* to be famous, but only a lucky, glamorous few ever make it. If you feel Hollywood calling, follow these easy steps to stardom.

STEP 1: Look the Part

Pay close attention to your appearance:

- ★ Wear the largest pair of sunglasses you can find. They should be bigger than your head, if possible.
- ★ No matter what you're doing, always be on your cell phone.
- ★ File your nails in class: your fingernails if you're a girl, your toenails if you're a boy.
- ★ Start your own clothing line: Just write your name in large red letters on the seat of all your pants.



STEP 2: Change Your Attitude

Pretend not to recognize people, especially close friends, classmates, and neighbors. Nothing says *star* as much as "Do I even, like, know you?"

Show off. Don't worry about being full of yourself. Real stars don't—and neither should you.

When someone says:	You say:
"So, what are you doing tonight?"	"*Letterman, Leno, Access Hollywood*...I'm all over the place."
"Give me a call."	"What magazine are you interviewing me for?"
"Do you want to see a movie soon?"	"Sure, but only one I'm not in. I *hate* seeing myself on-screen."

STEP 3: Find an Assistant

Since you probably don't get enough allowance to pay for a personal assistant, try teaching your pet these new personal assistant tricks:

- ★ Answering all your calls
- ★ Doing your laundry and fetching your dry cleaning
- ★ Buying presents for your family and friends
- ★ Carrying an umbrella for you



STEP 4: Make New "Friends"

Pretend you know tons of celebrities. You should name-drop so much that you nearly get arrested for littering, but *never* refer to a star by his or her full name. From now on it's Justin, Hilary, etc. Here is a guide for some more difficult names:

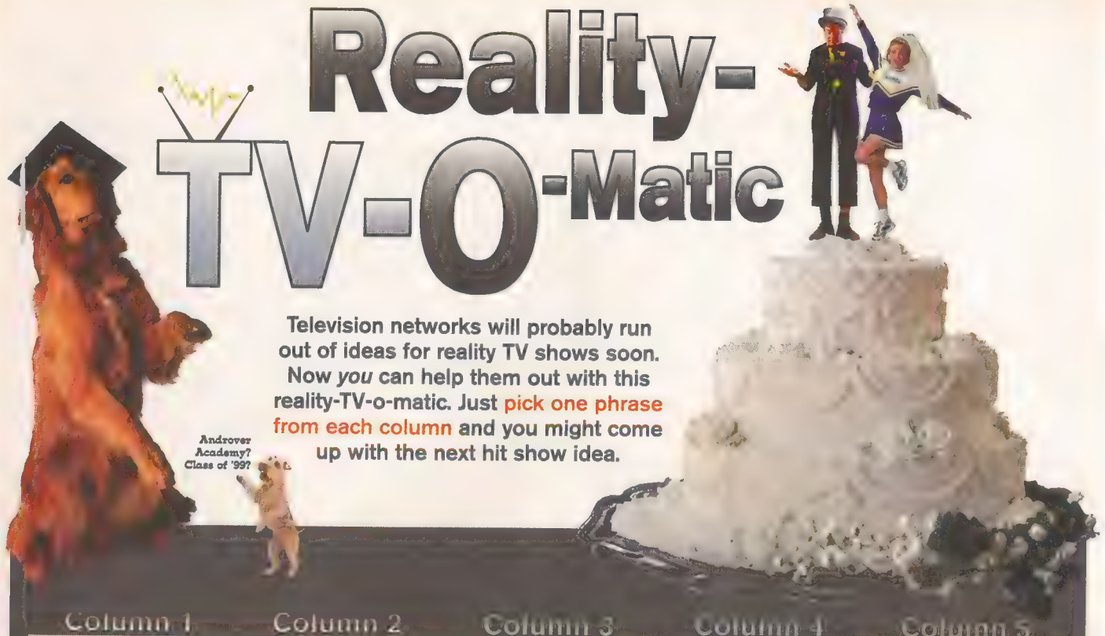
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Brad and Jennifer	Brad and Jennifer	The Pitts
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Sean Combs	P. Diddy	Did
Queen Elizabeth II	Her Majesty	Q-Liz
Beyoncé Knowles	Beyoncé	é
50 Cent	Fiddy	¢

STEP 5: Roll Out the Red Carpet

Take a red carpet (or, if that's not available, a bath mat) and put it outside your house. Walk back and forth on it until Joan Rivers or a neighbor comes over to talk to you. When they do, tell them "who" you're wearing.

That's it. You're now almost nearly–but just not quite–famous! Coming soon: How to be a has-been.

Reality-TV-O-Matic



Television networks will probably run out of ideas for reality TV shows soon. Now *you* can help them out with this reality-TV-o-matic. Just pick one phrase from each column and you might come up with the next hit show idea.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
A computer geek, a cheerleader, and	a golden retriever with a master's degree in business administration	go on a honeymoon	in a state prison	until all of them surrender to invading Martians.
Twenty-five bachelorettes and	one convincing female impersonator	eat snakes, spiders, shoes, and then one another	in Wawatosa, Wisconsin,	and the last one left is a rotten egg.
Twelve hunky men and	three average Joes in gorilla suits	are seated around a long conference table and forced to watch *The Littlest Groom* reruns	on the Great Wall of China	and then are never allowed to talk to another human being again.
Two teams of celebrity has-beens who can't remember their own names and	a former Olympic gymnast	are handcuffed together and have to go through Marine boot camp	on board NASA's Mars rover	and then get fired.
Donald Trump, Jeff Probst, Ty Pennington, Joe Rogan, and	Ryan Seacrest	have to find a million dollars hidden in their own underwear	at the bottom of the Grand Canyon	and then marry one another or have to give the money back.

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There Goes the Neighborhood

Three years ago, a construction crew was building a store in a marshy area near Tallahassee, Florida. During the night, however, a group of beavers was trying to turn the same site into a suburban beaver housing development. Every day, the contractors tore down the new dams, but the cute, bucktoothed animals kept replacing them. Frustrated, the workers tried something new: They hung stereo speakers in the trees and left the hard-rock hits of Gulf 104 FM echoing through the site. The beavers, realizing the area was no longer a quiet, respectable place to raise the kids, moved their complex to a nicer neighborhood.

Classical Crime Drop

In April 2001, police in West Palm Beach, Florida, mounted speakers on a crime-ridden street and began playing Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart 24/7. The cops hoped that classical music would annoy the area's troublemakers and chase them away. After a few weeks, the police saw they were right: The number of crimes in the neighborhood did drop dramatically. There were no reports of an increase in outdoor waltzing, however. *Take Bach the streets!*

Lawbreakers Face the Music

If you play your music too loudly in Miami Beach, Florida, the police will give you a ticket. Then when you appear before Judge Jeffrey Swartz, he'll give you a choice: a $500 fine or two-and-a-half hours of listening to opera. The judge, a big opera fan, has been using it as a punishment since last year. "You impose your music on me, and I'm going to impose my music on you," he told a noisemaker in January.

People who choose the opera listen to CDs in the judge's chambers. They're not allowed to talk, use a cell phone, eat, sleep, or read—just sit and listen. So far, all of the offenders were sent to court for blasting popular music. But what if someone was brought in for blaring opera? The judge said he would borrow some rap music from his daughter. ❑



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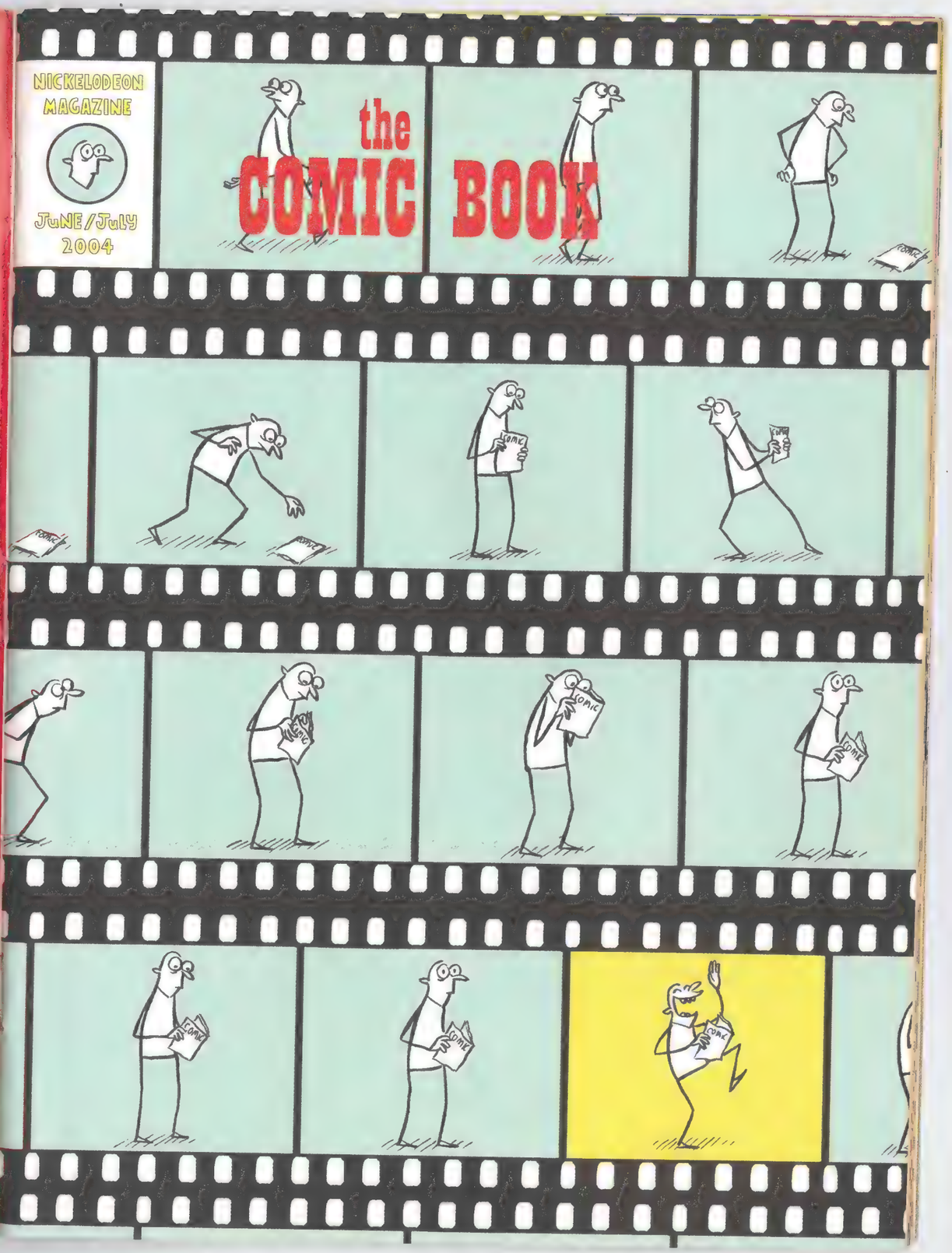


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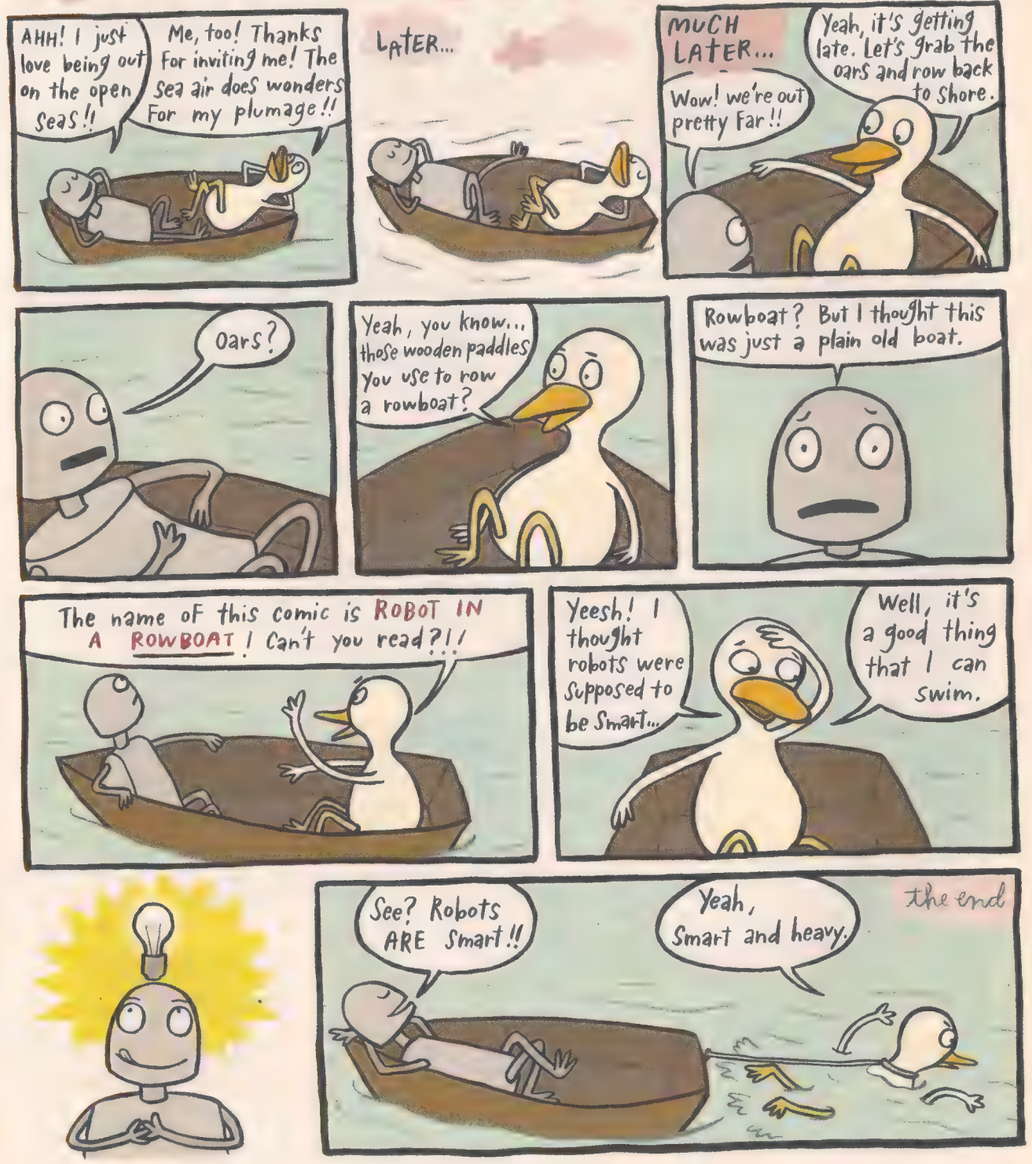
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I WISH I COULD, BUT I CAN'T DANCE! THE KIDS WILL LAUGH AT ME!

OH...WELL... SEE YOU LATER, THEN.

TOO BAD ELMER DOESN'T HAVE FAIRY GODPARENTS.

HEY! I COULD BE HIS FAIRY GODPARENT!

BUT, TIMMY...

HOW TOUGH COULD IT BE? WAVE A WAND. GRANT SOME WISHES... I WISH I WAS A FAIRY--

I'M ON IT!

Poof!

I'M A FAIRY GODMOTHER?

I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE LET YOU FINISH.

GREETINGS, ELMER!

I'M YOUR FAIRY GODMOTHER, TIMEENA. HERE TO GRANT YOUR WISH TO GO TO THIS DANCE.

WOW!!! I WISH I HAD A HOT CAR, COOL CLOTHES, AND COULD DANCE LIKE CRAZY!

Poof!

YOU GOT IT!



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WHY ARE THE POLICE CHASING HIM?

BECAUSE THAT CAR IS "HOT."

AS IN "STOLEN."

WHY IS HE WEARING ICE CUBES?

COOL CLOTHES!

LET ME GUESS. THIS IS "DANCE LIKE CRAZY."

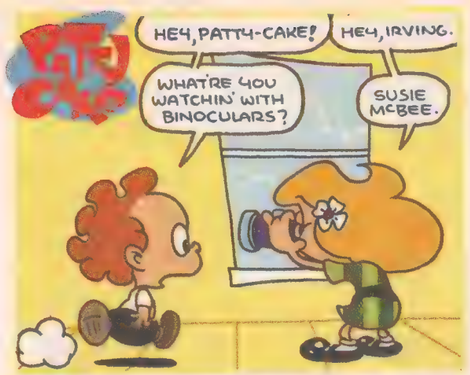
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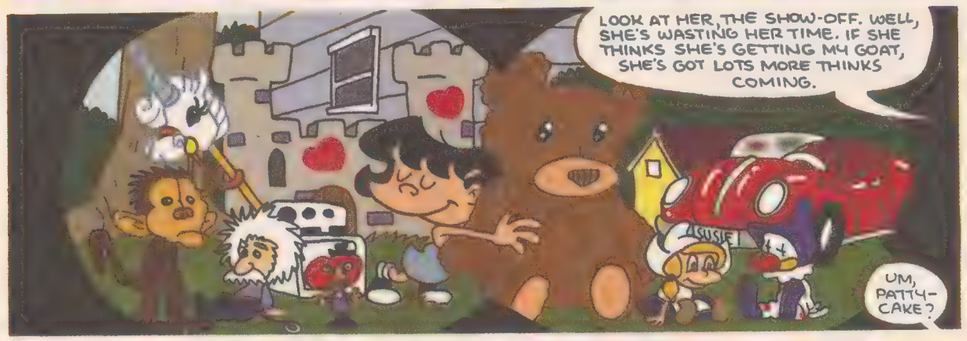
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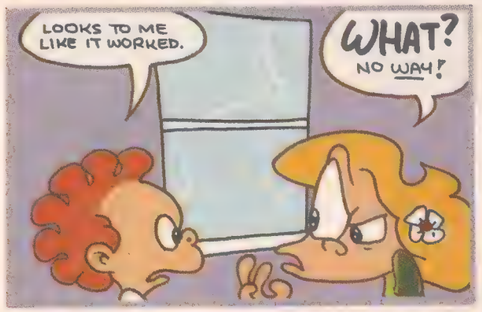
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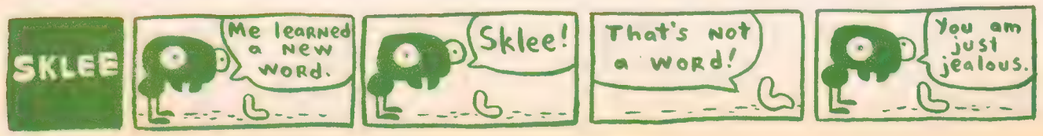












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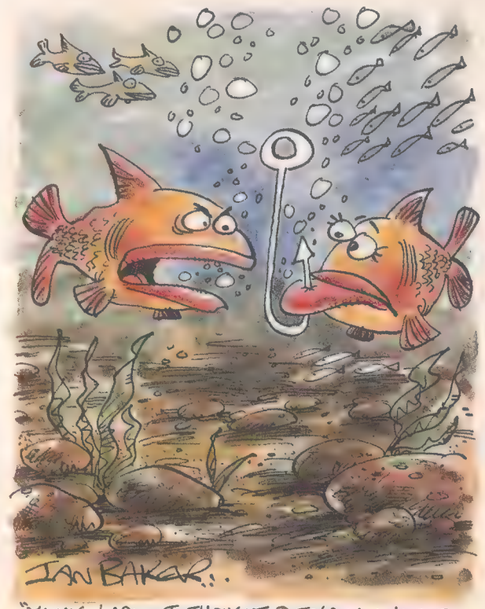
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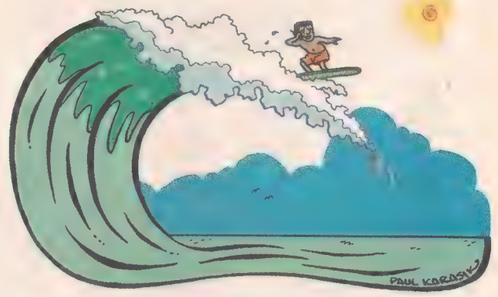
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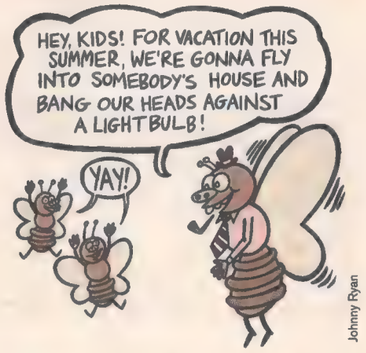
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I HATE TO SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD BUT, GRAMPA, SLOW DOWN!

ZOOM

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BUT, JULIE, WE **HAVE** TO WIN THIS RACE!

THAT WAY WE'LL GET THE $5,432 PRIZE MONEY TO GIVE TO THE ZOMBIES, SO THEY CAN PAY OFF THEIR DEBT AND CLOSE DOWN THEIR AQUARIUM, SO WE, IN TURN, CAN SET STEPHEN THE SHARK FREE.

WE LEAD VERY COMPLICATED LIVES.

TELL ME ABOUT IT.

OUT OF THE WAY, OLD MAN!

YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE, SLOWPOKE!

UM, UH, YEAH, WHAT **THEY** SAID!

EXCUSE ME, MR. GRAMPA, SIR, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THEY'RE ALL PASSING US.

OH, YEAH? HOLD ON TO YOUR ZOMBIE HATS!

GRAMPA!

NOT SO FAST!

SAY, JULIE, ARE SHARKS "FLYING FISH"?

OF COURSE NOT. WHY DO YOU ASK?

GROW UP

How old am me?

I don't know! What am I, your mother?

You am?!

Me love you, Mommy!

CRASH!

OH, NO REASON.

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?

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AND SO...

THAT WAS **SOME** SHORTCUT, GRAMPA.

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YEAH, THE IDEA JUST **SPRUNG** INTO MY HEAD.

GRAMPA AND JULIE WON THE BELLY-FLOP RUN! NOW THE ZOMBIES CAN PAY OFF THEIR DEBT AND FREE STEPHEN THE SHARK. I JUST HOPE THAT CHECK DOESN'T **BOUNCE!** WE'LL SEE NEXT ISSUE.

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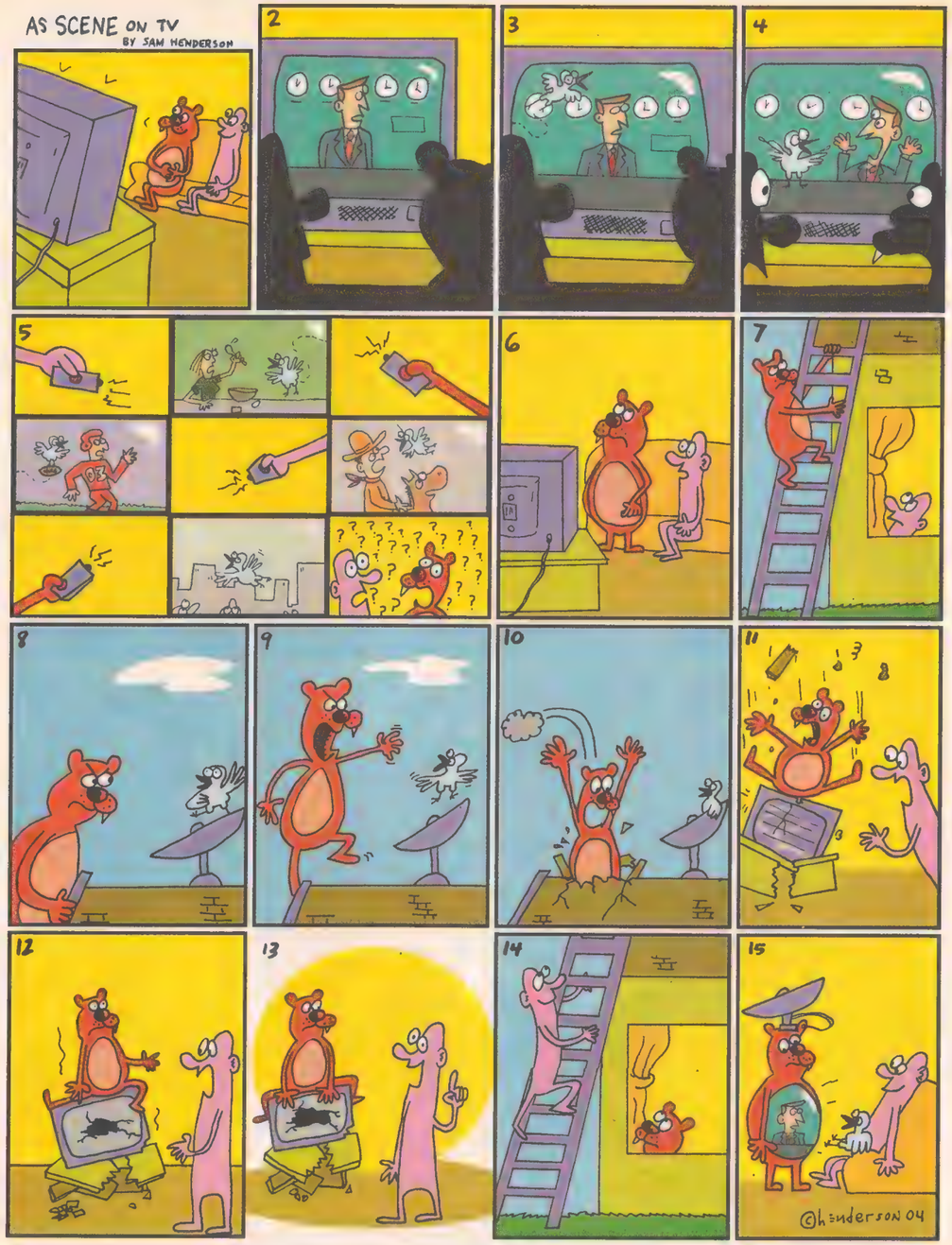
Me love you, Mommy!

I am **NOT** your mother!

Oh. Me understand.

Me love you, Daddy!

No!





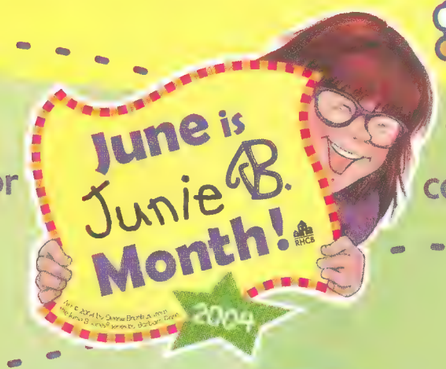
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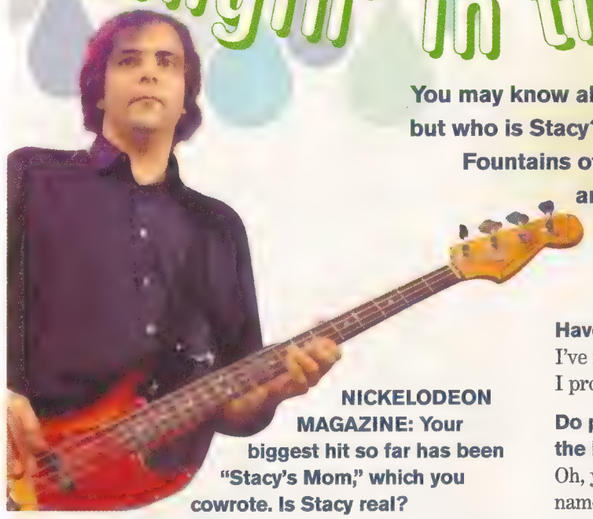
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Singin' in the Wayne

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You may know all the words to the song "Stacy's Mom," but who is Stacy? Adam Schlesinger (*left*), cofounder of Fountains of Wayne, answered that question—and a few others—after returning from a tour of England.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Your biggest hit so far has been "Stacy's Mom," which you cowrote. Is Stacy real?

ADAM SCHLESINGER: She's just a made-up character. Our drummer's wife is named Stacy, but the song is not about her mom, whom I've never actually met.

How do you go about writing songs?
I like to start with lyrics, maybe a phrase that has been kicking around in my head, or a title. I usually have the confidence that I'll come up with the music to go with it. But if I start with music it's hard for me to put lyrics with it afterward.

When did you start playing music?
I started taking piano lessons when I was five years old. I tried to put bands together from a very early age. They weren't very good, but I tried. [*laughs*]

What kind of music did you listen to when you were eleven?
Mostly the Beatles. For a long time, I didn't really know that there were other groups in the world besides the Beatles. I still listen to them all the time. They're our biggest inspiration.

Fountains of Wayne is named after a lawn ornaments store in Wayne, New Jersey.

Have you ever made a purchase there?
I've never actually purchased anything there. I probably ought to.


Maybe a fountain?

Do people ever think that someone in the band is named Wayne?
Oh, yeah. Part of the reason that we like our name is because unless you've heard of the store, you won't have any idea what it means.

What is one thing that you take with you when you go on the road for a long time?
I have this little stuffed-animal chicken, and when you squeeze it, it says "Cock-a-doodle-doo." That always ends up on the bus. [*laughs*]

What is one item of yours that you wouldn't trust your bandmates with?
That chicken.

What's the most interesting job you've had besides being a musician?
I drove an ice cream truck in Boston [Massachusetts] when I was about eighteen. The first day on the job, before I had sold any ice cream, I got into an accident with a police car. I had to go back to the garage with a banged-up ice cream truck and explain what happened. Luckily, they gave me another truck.


BAND TOGETHER (*left to right*): Chris Collingwood, Adam Schlesinger, Jody Porter, and Brian Young.

What question are you dying for someone to ask you?
Oh, man...not *that* question. [*laughs*] ❑



Hooray for Hollywoops!

Part 8

Real

Last year was a good one for movies—and for movie mistakes. Here are bloopers from some of 2003's biggest flicks.

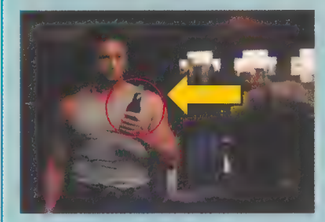
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NOT ON THE LEVEL: *X2*

LOOK FOR IT: About half an hour into the movie

What's going on: Logan/Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) gets a bottle of soda to drink, but it's warm. He gives it to Bobby/Iceman (Shawn Ashmore) to chill it with his hands.

The blooper: The bottle is filled to the top when Logan hands it to Bobby (*below, left*), but nearly one quarter of it is gone when Bobby takes it (*below, right*).

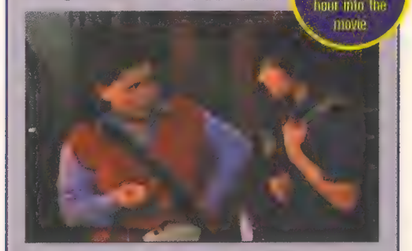




AN ABSENTMINDED PROFESSOR: *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*

What's going on: Every morning during her school trip in Italy, Lizzie (Hilary Duff) pretends she's too sick to go sightseeing with the class and sneaks out after everyone leaves the hotel. In this scene, the chaperone, Ms. Ungermeyer (Alex Borstein), is suspicious and decides to check Lizzie's room. Lizzie's best friend, Gordo (Adam Lamberg), knows that Lizzie is out, and he stops Ms. Ungermeyer by saying that Lizzie really is sick and that *he's* the one who has been sneaking out every day (*below*). Ms. Ungermeyer gets angry and punishes him.

LOOK FOR IT: About an hour into the movie



The blooper: Gordo has been with Ms. Ungermeyer and the class every day, so how can she believe that he has been sneaking out?

A BLOOPER COMES KNOCKING: *Freaky Friday*

LOOK FOR IT: About 25 minutes into the movie

What's going on: Anna (Lindsay Lohan) got two detentions and an F at school, so her mother, Tess (Jamie Lee Curtis), has just removed Anna's bedroom door as a punishment (*near right*).

The blooper: The following morning, when Tess wakes up and realizes she is in Anna's body, she walks out of Anna's bedroom—and right past the door, which shouldn't be there (*far right*).





continued

MORE

Hooray for Hollywoops!

NOW HEAR THIS: *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*



LOOK FOR IT: About an hour and 50 minutes into the movie

What's going on: The British ship *Dauntless* anchors near the pirates' cavern on Isla de la Muerta. Commodore Norrington (Jack Davenport) and a few sailors board rowboats and travel a short distance to the mouth of the cavern. While waiting there, the *Dauntless* is attacked by pirates (*above*).

The blooper: Even though the gunfire on the *Dauntless* echoes loudly, no one in the rowboats hears it. Only when the ship's emergency bell is rung later do they react (*below*).

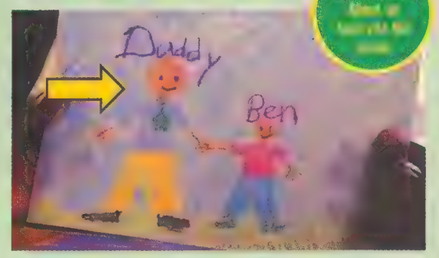


SHAVING FACE: *Daddy Day Care*

What's going on: Ben (Khamani Griffin) has just finished drawing a picture of himself and his father, Charlie (Eddie Murphy). Ben points out that he drew a mustache on his dad, and Charlie says, "Yes, I see that. A nice green mustache."



LOOK FOR IT:



The blooper: There is no mustache on the drawing (*above*)—either in this scene or later in the movie when Charlie finds the picture in his folder at a business meeting.

ON THE OTHER HAND: *School of Rock*

LOOK FOR IT: About half an hour into the movie

What's going on: Dewey (Jack Black) tells the class to place their hands over their hearts and pledge allegiance to the band.







The blooper: Everyone puts their right hand over their heart (*top* and *above, left*). But in some shots, the blonde girl (who later comes up with the band's name) has her left hand over her heart (*above, right*). ❑



Hogwarts and All:

We visited the set of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and spoke with the actors who play Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint), and Hermione (Emma Watson). When they weren't cracking one another up, they answered our questions.

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NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's your favorite scene in this movie?
DANIEL RADCLIFFE: The Shrieking Shack scene because it's basically the climax of the movie. It's an amazing scene—it's fantastically written.
RUPERT GRINT: I liked doing the stunt scene at the Whomping Willow. In the movie, I am supposedly being dragged by a dog, but really there was a guy pulling me along the set. It was fun—I swallowed a lot of grass.

How well do you know your character?
DANIEL: I know Harry very well. But I think there is this really, really, really dark side to Harry that you don't see that much of. In the third film, he actually has murderous thoughts. He would literally kill Sirius Black if he got the chance.
EMMA WATSON: Very well, especially since this is the third time around. In the beginning of working on the third movie, we were asked to write a piece on who we thought our characters were. It made me think about how Hermione uses her books and schoolwork as a comfort blanket. It's like a mask, so she doesn't have to deal with emotions or get homesick. She can just cover it all up by being clever.



RUPERT: Well, by playing them for three years, you get used to it. And there are certain things about my character that I relate to a lot, like we both have red hair, we both like sweets, we both are scared of spiders, and we both have big families.

How do you keep your energy up when you have to do the same scene many times in a row?
EMMA: I just tell myself every time I do it that this is the first time I've done it.
RUPERT: We have so much fun, and that provides a lot of motivation.

What do you do during your downtime on the set?
EMMA: I have a table-tennis table in my dressing room, so I play that. I listen to music, and there's lots of schoolwork to do. I also chill out with the other kids on the set.
RUPERT: I've got a pool table and a dartboard as well. And Dan and I attempted to make a crazy golf course in my room. We made a six-foot windmill out of these massive cardboard boxes and we got it spinning using an electric fan. We had plans to expand it out to the main studio—but it never got past one hole.

On the Set of *Harry Potter*



What other roles would you like to play?
DANIEL: I'd like to do *The Simpsons*.
EMMA: I've always wanted to play Velma in *Chicago*.

Are there other careers you would like to pursue in the future?
DANIEL: I love rock music. I also love writing. I write short stories just for fun, so I might develop that.
EMMA: I've always loved singing, dancing, any kind of performing, really. I also love art and sports.
RUPERT: When I was younger I wanted to be an ice cream man. That would be a cool job. I'd like to be a cartoonist as well. I love drawing.

What's your favorite American TV show?
DANIEL AND RUPERT: *The Simpsons*.
EMMA: Yep. Ooh, and *Friends*.
RUPERT: *SpongeBob SquarePants* as well.

Can you go anywhere in England without being recognized?
DANIEL: A lot of people assume I can't do anything, which isn't true at all. I just do normal stuff like go out with my friends and go to the cinema.
EMMA: It's okay, because a lot of people [where I live] know who I am and they're used to seeing me around.
RUPERT: I get recognized quite a lot, which is weird. When people come up to me, they're really nice.

Is it hard to watch the other films now?
DANIEL: Horrible, horrific. I can't watch myself.
EMMA: I can't watch them, either.
RUPERT: Speak for yourself. I love watching myself! [*laughs*]
DANIEL: Oh, I love watching you, too. [*laughs*] He was the only thing that kept me up at the premiere [of the first one]. I genuinely thought there was something wrong with the sound, because our voices were so high.
RUPERT: It was so weird.
DANIEL: It sounded like we all had just had some helium. We sound so completely different now. ❑



THE PHOTOS OF *AZKABAN*: Scenes from the new movie (*right*).



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more Hogwarts and All

The Animals of Azkaban

Humans aren't the only ones getting screen time in *The Prisoner of Azkaban*. While we were on the set, we talked to the movie's animal trainers **Gary Gero** *(left)* and **Jim Walker** to get the lowdown on the dogs, bats, owls, and rats who're

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STRONG AND SMELLY: A Neapolitan mastiff.

Dogs

Hagrid's boarhound, Fang, is a Neapolitan mastiff who is played by three different dogs. The main dog actor is named Luigi. According to head animal trainer Gary Gero, this breed is very aggressive and often used as a guard dog. Gary describes this dog as "more like a wild animal," and doesn't recommend getting one for a pet. Mastiffs have big jaws with many folds of skin and lots of slobber—all of which help them collect scents. On top of these other charming qualities, these dogs also smell really bad.



WINGED WHIZZER: Egyptian fruit bats don't hold it in.

Bats

The bats flying around Hagrid's hut are Egyptian fruit bats that came from a breeder in Great Britain. According to Gary, "This is the first time anybody has really devoted time to training bats, and we had a lot of success." The bats would search out their trainer by ear in order to get a piece of banana as a snack. Daniel Radcliffe, who plays Harry, wasn't too thrilled about working with them, though: "I like them, but it's hard to concentrate when the bats fly about, and they pee while they fly."

Owls

Three kinds of owls were used in the film: barn owls, great gray owls, and snow owls. According to Gary, owls are not very bright. "They are really good in their niche in the wild," he explains, "but training an owl is challenging. Ravens, parrots, and other birds are easier to train. It took almost nine months just to teach the barn owls to deliver letters," he says.



Rats

Many different rats played Scabbers. Some were used for scenes where Scabbers is being held and others for scenes where he is moving around. Fake, remote-controlled rats were also used for some shots. According to Jim Walker, "The working rats *want* to work. They learn to go to sound cues and buzzers. We can also signal them to move more quickly or slowly."

Rupert Grint, who plays Ron, told us he wouldn't mind having a rat of his own. He even had a favorite, named Bruce Willis. "I like the rats," says Rupert, "but my dad is really scared of them. He would never allow one in the house." ❑



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Our No-Sweat Guide to Summer Movies

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Here's a sneak peek at what's coming to the big screen this summer.

Garfield: The Movie



REEL FAT CAT: "We wanted Garfield to retain the sleepiness in the eyes, the smart-guy expression," says Davis.

Story: When Odie is kidnapped by an evil dog trainer, Garfield (Bill Murray) teams up with a mouse named Louis (Nick Cannon) to rescue him. This live-action movie is based on the *Garfield* comic strip.
Opens: June 11

We asked Jim Davis, Garfield's creator, about his famous fat cat.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you choose Garfield's voice?
JIM DAVIS: We heard only one voice [in our heads] for Garfield, and it was Bill Murray's. It's a great marriage of voice and character. He delivers a line as if he couldn't care less, and there is something magic in it. I could deliver a line like that and it would put people to sleep.

Garfield is a computer-generated character, but Odie is played by a real dog. How did that happen?
We thought we'd need to do a lot of computer animation [work] on Odie to get him to move just right and in time with Garfield in the dance sequences, but the dog was incredible. We didn't have to do anything. The dog danced to the rhythm of the music and did everything else, too.

What kind of dog plays Odie?
Half dachshund, half terrier. He's actually [played by] two dogs, a brother and sister. They are identical. The female did the dancing and the male did the acting.

Do you have any pets?
I have a chocolate Lab named Molly who is nearly fifteen years old. She spends the day at [my] studio because she gets lots of attention and treats. I also have a tiger cat named Spunky.

If you could ask your dog and cat a question, what would it be?
"Are you having fun?" I think Molly is. But Spunky has issues. I don't think she is happy unless something is bothering her, like the neighbor's cat, or the weather, or strangers. She loves to worry.

At this point, do you feel like you understand cats?
To me they are mysterious. They have senses that we don't. I can always tell if the weather is about to turn by watching the cat. And even though they are a bit standoffish, cats have an innate ability to know when you need attention. If you are feeling a little blue, they will come over and sit in your lap even though it may be a little out of character. Way down deep they do have a heart.

Are you a cat or dog person?
I have to be a cat lover. I work for one.



BOOGIE BEASTS: Garfield and Odie get down.

Sleepover

Story: In the summer after eighth grade, Julie (Alexa Vega) hosts an eventful slumber party: She and her friends sneak out and compete with another group of girls in an all-night scavenger hunt that sends them through the city.
Opens: July 9



DUMPSTER DIVAS: (*left to right*) Kallie Flynn Childress, Scout Taylor-Compton, Zelda Van Gutters, Mika Boorem, Alexa Vega.

Alexa Vega, also of the *Spy Kids* movies, told us about the most eventful sleepover she's had: "I was turning eleven and I had one in my backyard. We put up a tent and then we accidentally got locked out of the house. A lot of the girls had to go to the bathroom, so they went in the bushes. Then at four AM, the sprinklers turned on and the whole tent was flooded. It was really bad."

A Cinderella Story



Story: A dorky girl named Sam Martin (Hilary Duff) is forced by her stepmother to do all the work in the family's diner. One night, a mysterious guy (Chad Michael Murray) finds Sam's cell phone and starts sending her notes and e-mails.
Opens: July 16

Chad Michael Murray, also of *One Tree Hill,* talked to us about Hilary's role: "I don't think I ever visualized her character, Sam, as a dork, just a girl that wasn't the trendy, popular girl. I completely understand where Sam is coming from. Growing up, I wasn't the most popular guy. But, in real life, Hilary is fun and has a good fashion sense."

Spider-Man 2

Story: This time around, Spider-Man (Tobey Maguire) faces Doctor Octopus (Alfred Molina), a new supervillain with mechanical arms. Meanwhile, Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst) pursues a career as a model and her face shows up on ads all over the city.
Opens: June 30



Look for interviews with **Tobey Maguire** and **Kirsten Dunst** in the cover story of our August issue.❑



WELL-ARMED: (*left*) Doc Octopus (Alfred Molina) just wants to give Spidey (Tobey Maguire) a hug.

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Annoying End-of-School Songs



At the end of the school year, as those last minutes tick by and you need something to keep you from going crazy, sing these songs. Then your *teacher* can go crazy.

by Anne D. Bernstein

Twelve Days Till Vacation

(Sing to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas.")

On the twelfth day till vacation
My teacher said to me:
"Stop staring out the window at that tree."

On the eleventh day till vacation
My teacher said to me:
"Don't watch the clock,
And stop staring out the window at that tree."

On the tenth day till vacation...
"No passing notes, don't watch the clock..."

On the ninth day till vacation...
"Quit calling out..."

On the eighth day till vacation...
"Here's a pop quiz..." (Note: This is the "Five golden rings" part.)

On the seventh day till vacation...
"Who's spitting spitballs..."

On the sixth day till vacation...
"Pass up your papers..."

On the fifth day till vacation...
"Hold hands up highly..."

On the fourth day till vacation...
"Cease cud-like chewing..."

On the third day till vacation...
"Start sitting straighter..."

On the second day till vacation...
"Never draw on desks..."

On the day before vacation my teacher said to me:
"See you in September..."

Bye-Bye, Schoolroom

(Sing to the tune of "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep.")

Bye-bye, schoolroom,
See ya later, chair.
So long, chalk dust–
I prefer clean air.

Good-bye, gym class,
I'll be on my way.
No more dodgeball
Will I have to play.

Bye-bye, schoolroom,
Teacher, toodle-oo!
Can my report card
Stay behind with you?



We Wish You a Super Summer

(Sing to the tune of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas.")

We wish you a super summer.
We'll miss you and that's a bummer.
We'll try not to come back dumber
When we start school next year.

Good lessons we take
From your lesson plan,
But still we want freedom
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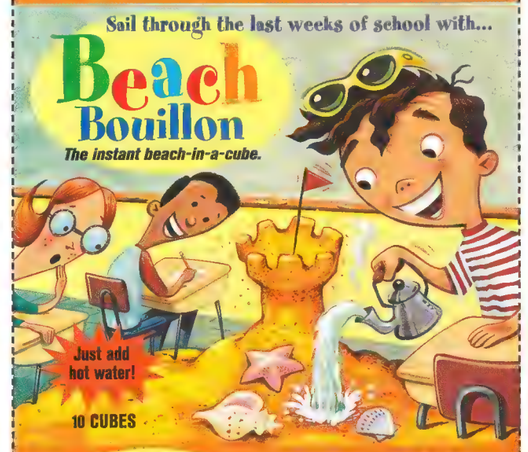
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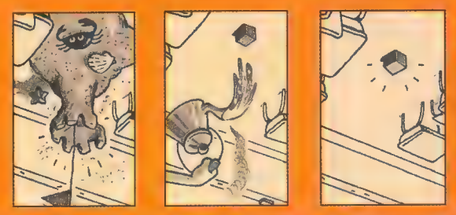
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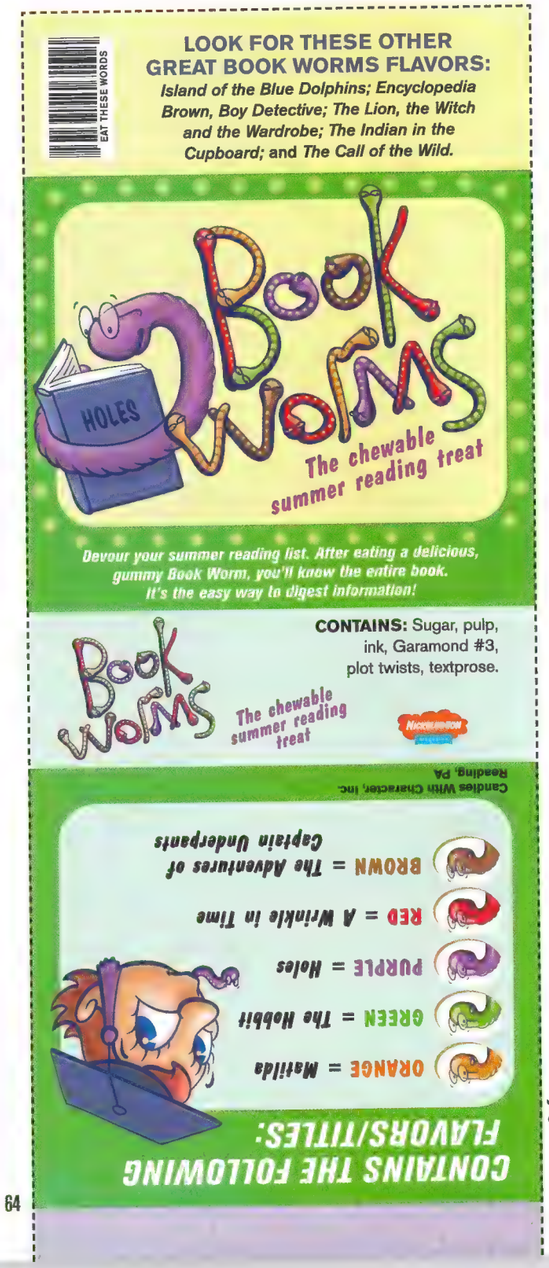
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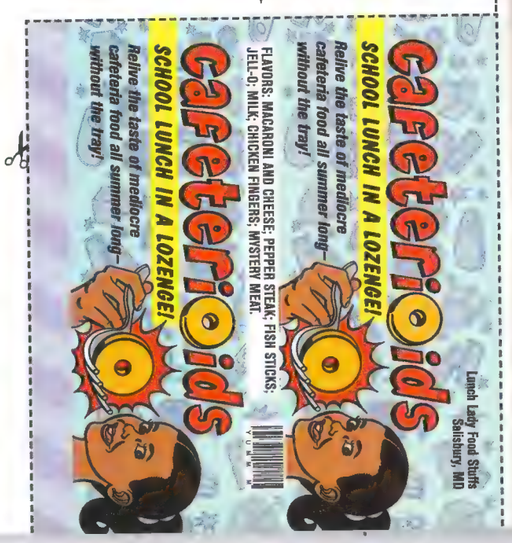


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Time Machine Tanks at Science Fair

SCIENCE FAIR FOLLIES PART 4 OF 4

Cheryl Rolex, a gifted sixth grader, had high hopes of taking home First Prize at this year's Science Fair. Sadly, Cheryl received no prize at all, because her project, a time machine, worked only too well.

At 11 AM on the day of the fair, Cheryl set her device for the late 1400s, and she and the time machine disappeared. While Cheryl plummeted through the fourth dimension, judges walked past her table. Then, while judges were examining seventh grader Eddie Hubble's big bang theory diorama, Cheryl and her machine reappeared. Incredibly, Cheryl had with her the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus.

But Cheryl couldn't dawdle. "I need to get him back to 1491 ASAP," she said. "If America isn't discovered I'll have no chance at the top prize."

Cheryl and Mr. Columbus disappeared just as judges again walked past Cheryl's table. In the end, the First Prize went to third grader Armon Hammer for his baking-soda volcano.



Cheryl and Chris went unseen by judges but not by our photographer.

When Cheryl returned to the present—after a brief spin through the 35th century—she took her loss in stride. Said Cheryl, "I figured Armon would take it. That's why I stopped off in the year 3404 and entered a science fair with my own baking-soda volcano. I won First Prize!"

OutKast Receives Honorary Otter Creek Degree



Principal Tater shakes it with OutKast.

The members of OutKast received honorary degrees from Otter Creek Middle School at last weekend's graduation ceremony. The decision to honor Andre 3000 and Big Boi was based on the universal popularity at Otter Creek Middle School of their kicking song "Hey Ya!"

OutKast showed up to accept the degree in person. Their agent, Rich Very, explained, "They weren't planning on going until someone sent them a tape of the Otter Creek marching band. They loved it!" Band instructor Bob Preston could only comment, "I'm not surprised. Nobody can touch our 'Louie, Louie.' "

RING OUT THE OLD!

After 10 years of working at Otter Creek Middle School, our much beloved—and much feared—English teacher Mr. Smeagol is leaving us. The eternal bachelor finally landed a ring! He and his "Precious" are moving to far-off Mt. Doom Village, where we hope he is happy...and where we hope he stays. This gollum—um, column—wishes him the best of luck.



ERRATA

Last week, *The Otter Creek Times* reported that Brittnee Johnson (eighth grade) and Tiffanee Johnston (eighth grade) were BFFs (Best Friends Forever). As was pointed out to us by Ashley Johnstone (eighth grade), Britt and Tiff are actually BBFs (Best Best Friends) and Ash and Tiff are BFFs. Thanks to Ash for IMing us the 411 on the sitch.

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, End-of-School Edition, June 7, 2004* ★ ★ ★

THE YEAR IN HEADLINES

A look back at 2003/2004—another *otterly* great school year!

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, September 8, 2003* ★ ★ ★

Janitorial Prank "Goes" a Wee Bit Too Far

Custodian Pops Deegan rearranges all room numbers over summer; half of student body pees in gym on first day of school.

Phys Ed Teacher Quits

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, October 13, 2003* ★ ★ ★

Students Welcome Cameras

Video crews begin taping Otter Creek reality show, *Up the Creek*, this week.

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, November 24, 2003* ★ ★ ★



Home Ec Turkey Runs Amok in Library

Librarian Mrs. Dalrimple inquires about that "attractive new substitute teacher with the red scarf."

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, December 15, 2003* ★ ★ ★

School Bake Sale Makes 48 Billion Dollars and 53 Cents



Students cancel trip to Washington, D.C.; buy Lincoln Memorial instead.

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, January 19, 2004* ★ ★ ★

Flaky Follies!

Art class's overproduction of paper snowflakes tricks school superintendent into declaring a snow day!

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, February 9, 2004* ★ ★ ★

(W)Hoops!

After a string of 10 tied games, basketball team realizes both hoops are missing.

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, March 1, 2004* ★ ★ ★



In Like a Lion!

School welcomes "mane" attraction, long-haired transfer student Bob Lion.

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, March 31, 2004* ★ ★ ★

Out Like a Lamb!



Bob Lamb, formerly Lion, has transferred out of Otter Creek, a week after sheepishly shearing his hair and changing his last name.

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, April 12, 2004* ★ ★ ★

Otter Day Nightmare!

Five students taken to the nurse on Otter Day for overpreening and frolicking-related abrasions.

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, May 10, 2004* ★ ★ ★

School Play in Shambles



Clooney, Paltrow, McKellen, and Hasselhoff fail to show up for roles in school musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. "I sent them each an e-mail months ago telling them they got the parts," says director Mr. Thespio. "They'll never act in one of my plays after this."

★ ★ ★ *The Otter Creek Times, June 1, 2004* ★ ★ ★

Without a Paddle!

Otter Creek reality show, *Up the Creek*, never to air, say Fox TV executives, citing "boring, typical middle school."

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6 Nathan Hale, American Revolutionary War hero, born, 1755 **Did they forecast *hale* today?**	7 Allen Iverson, basketball player, born, 1975 **The birthday cards will come *dribbling* in.**	8	9 Johnny Depp, actor, born, 1963 **Don't *pirate* his movies.**	10 Eye-Catching Info #2 More than half of all Americans need glasses or contact lenses.	11 *American Idol* debuts, 2002 **Simon says, "You stink."**	12 Turtle Races in Danville, Illinois **Will the winner win by a *hare*?**
13	14 Donald Trump, real estate mogul and host of *The Apprentice*, born, 1946 **You're fired.**	15 Eye-Catching Info #3 Eyeglasses were invented in the late 1200s in Italy. They fixed farsightedness.	16	17 Greg Kinnear, actor, born, 1963 **His family must have smiled from *kinnear* to *kinnear*.**	18 Eye-Catching Info #4 Most color-blind people do see colors but have trouble telling red and green apart.	19
20 Nicole Kidman, actress, born, 1967 **Happy birthday from *Nicoleodeon* Magazine.** Father's Day	21 New Hampshire (the Granite State) becomes the ninth state, 1788 **Everyone takes it for *granite*.**	22	23 Eye-Catching Info #5 Contact lenses were invented in 1948.	24 American Library Association annual conference begins in Orlando, Florida **Check it out.**	25 Take Your Dog to Work Day **He or she can fetch the coffee.**	26 **Pick up after your dog at work.**
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Alien Encounter





In the upcoming special "Win, Lose and Kaboom!" Jimmy Neutron faces off in an intergalactic game show with an alien warrior named April (*right*). We buzzed in to talk to Alyssa Milano, who voices April (and also plays Phoebe on the WB's *Charmed*).

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's April like?

ALYSSA MILANO: She's very tough and very smart. She's an alien warrior. I love that she's a strong female character.

What is the best thing about doing a voice?

It's a very creative process—you're creating the voice and heart of someone. And you don't have to worry about what you're wearing or if your heels are uncomfortable!

What cartoons did you watch when you were a kid?

I loved *Smurfs, Mighty Mouse,* and *Casper, the Friendly Ghost. Smurfs* was my favorite. I had all the little action figures and stickers.



Who is the best movie or TV alien that you've seen besides April?

ALF [*below, far left,* from the 1980s TV show *ALF*] was pretty cool, and Mork from Ork [*near left,* of the 1970s TV show *Mork & Mindy*] was kind of cool.

Do you think there are life-forms on other planets?

I do believe that there are other things out there.



What would you do if you met one of them?

I would be very sweet! ❑

The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius: "Win, Lose and Kaboom!" airs Friday, July 9, at 8 PM. Show airs one hour earlier in the central time zone. Show time is subject to change. Check nick.com for details.

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Starting Tuesday, June 1, *U-Pick Live* hosts a coast-to-coast birthday bash. Nick will be giving away tons of prizes and celebrating all month long with old shows, such as *You Can't Do That on Television* (above).

A THREE-RING NEWS SHOW
Tune in for *Nick News Special Edition: On the Road and Under the Tent* as Linda Ellerbee (*far right*) goes on the road with kids who have grown up traveling with the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus. This episode airs Sunday, June 27, at 8:30 PM.



POPS! GO THE NICKTOONS
Kick back with a marathon of Dad-themed Nicktoons this Father's Day—Sunday, June 20, starting at 12 PM.

BOOK 'EM
In the March issue, we asked Nick Mag readers to vote for their favorite book for the *2004 Kids' Choice Awards.* The big winner for this category was the *Harry Potter* book series by J.K. Rowling.



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July

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			July is National Baked Bean Month.
4 Casey Kasem's "American Top 40" radio show debuts, 1970 **It rose to the top of the charts.** INDEPENDENCE DAY	**5** Baked Bean Bottom Line #1 Beans were one of the first crops grown by humans. They were first cultivated 7,000 years ago.	**6** Tia and Tamera Mowry, actresses, born, 1978 **It's a girl! It's a girl!**	**7**
11	**12** The first Etch-A-Sketch goes on sale, 1960 **It shook up the world.**	**13** The first World Cup soccer competition is held, 1930 **It got the ball rolling.**	**14** Baked Bean Bottom Line #2 Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to make baked beans.
18 National Ice Cream Day **That's the scoop.**	**19** Baked Bean Bottom Line #3 Boston, Massachusetts, got the nickname Beantown because baked beans were a favorite food in colonial times.	**20**	**21** Josh Hartnett, actor, born, 1978 **He's all *hartnett.***
25 Curacao Day **Send them your greetings.**	**26**	**27** The H.J. Heinz Co. is incorporated, 1900 **Ketchup with all your chores today.**	**28** Baked Bean Bottom Line #5 The bean is the only food that appears twice on the Food Pyramid: as a vegetable and a protein.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The first U.S. postage stamps are issued, 1847 **They really stuck around.**	**2** Richard Petty, stock-car racer, born, 1937 **He was a *petty* little boy.**	**3**
8 Turkey Rama begins in McMinnville, Oregon **Strut your *stuffing.***	**9** Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine, born, 1819 **This *seams* important.**	**10** Jessica Simpson, singer, born, 1980 **She was a newlyborn.**
15 The first close-up pictures of Mars are sent to the Earth by the U.S. space probe *Mariner 4,* 1965 **It was a red letter day.**	**16**	**17** Shark Awareness Day in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey **This will be one *fin-tas-tic* day.**
22 Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci becomes the first Olympic athlete to score a perfect 10, 1976 **Give that girl a *handstand!***	**23** Daniel Radcliffe, actor, born, 1989 **Time has just *wizard* right by.**	**24** Baked Bean Bottom Line #4 Beans are a legume like peas and lentils.
29 Great Texas Mosquito Festival begins in Clute, Texas **People will be *itching* to attend.**	**30**	**31** J.K. Rowling, author of the *Harry Potter* books, born, 1965 ***Now* we know why Harry's birthday is July 31st!**

Summer Fridays

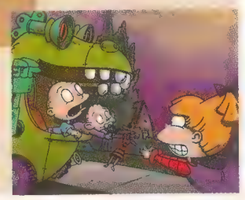
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As Told by Ginger: "No Turning Back"
Friday, June 11, at 8 PM

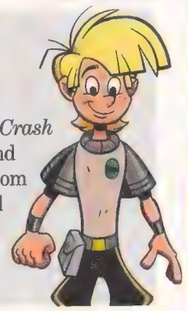
Ginger Foutley is finally graduating from junior high, and she's a little concerned about starting high school. Is she the only one who isn't completely psyched about moving on?

The Rugrats Movie
Friday, June 18, at 8 PM



Get ready for a bunch of firsts: Meet Dil for the first time (again!) when the first *Rugrats* movie airs for the first time on Nick.

The Fairly OddParents: "Crash Nebula"
Friday, July 2, at 8 PM



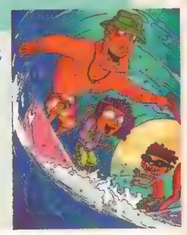
Join Timmy Turner as he tunes in to *Crash Nebula,* one of his favorite shows. Find out how Sprig Speevak (*right*) went from being a kid on a farm to a full-fledged space hero. Guest-starring voices include Queen Latifah and *Malcolm in the Middle*'s Justin Berfield.

The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius: "Win, Lose and Kaboom!"
Friday, July 9, at 8 PM



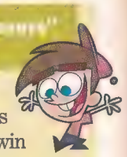
When Jimmy and his pals from Retroville get sucked into a TV studio in outer space, they have no choice but to play *Intergalactic Showdown* to save the Earth. Among the many creatures they encounter is April, a Gorlock, voiced by Alyssa Milano.

Rocket Power: "Island of the Menehune"
Friday, July 16, at 8 PM



The *Rocket Power* gang finally makes it to Hawaii, where Ray is reunited with an old friend, leaving Otto and Reggie feeling ignored for most of the trip. Meanwhile, Twister learns about some of the mysteries of the Menehune—creatures from Hawaiian mythology.

The Fairly OddParents: "Channel Chasers"
Friday, July 23, at 8 PM



Timmy Turner is in for a rude awakening when he wishes for a remote control that allows him to travel through the television. Alec Baldwin guest stars as the voice of grown-up Timmy.

All Grown Up: "Interview With a Campfire"
Friday, July 30, at 8 PM



During a visit to Camp Everwood, Angelica, Susie, and Howard join a production of *Westward, No!* while Dil tries to find out if the camp is haunted.

There's more to come from the Nicktoons Summer Film Festival in August.



Who's *REW*?



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I bike in the sunlight,
I bike in the dark.
The more I bike, the more I sweat—
My forehead and T-shirt are gettin' all wet.
Biking sure gives me a feeling of power.
But, still, nothing beats jumping into the shower.

TAG

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
I love playing tag.
Now who's it? You.

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Flippendo for Harry



The characters may look older, but that's not all that's new in the Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban game for Game Cube, PS2, Xbox, PC, and Game Boy Advance. We charmed Dan Blackstone, the game's producer, into telling us some inside secrets.

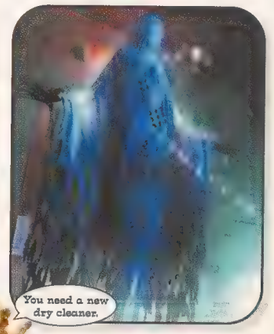
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: This game differs from the first two in several ways. What's one of the biggest changes?



DAN BLACKSTONE: You can play as Harry, Ron, or Hermione—and you can change which character you are at any time. Since Harry faints whenever he sees a dementor, we needed to have other characters to take over the game play.

What was your inspiration for the dementors' look?

We worked with the film studio [to make the dementors similar]. But there were a few restrictions: They can't raise their arms above their heads because then they look like someone wearing a bedsheet and become too cartoonish. We also looked at fish and sharks because we wanted the dementors to move as if they were underwater, with their tattered robes moving like seaweed.



What's your favorite part of the game?

Toward the end, in an old section of Hogwarts that you reach from the History of Magic classroom, Harry has to complete a challenge with a boggart to get the Expecto Patronum spell. The boggart assumes the appearance and behavior of a person's greatest fear. For Harry, that's a dementor. It's a great opportunity to practice before the showdown at the end of the game, and the challenge is tense. For a more relaxing experience, flying Buckbeak the hippogriff around the grounds of Hogwarts is cool. ❑

HARRY, STEP BY STEP

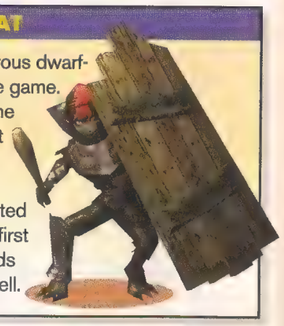
Here's how a video game character is created.

1. Every character is first sketched out of triangles on a computer. Harry is made up of 4,500 triangles.
2. Next, the character's "bones" (the green lines) are added. Harry has 47 in his body and 32 in his cape. The animators move the bones to make a character's motion look natural.
3. Then the outer layer of "skin" is applied.
4. Color and detail are added last.



SNEAK PEEK CHEAT

This is a **red cap,** a dangerous dwarf-like creature created for the game. Red caps appear around the castle and the grounds, but you'll first meet them in the Black Deeds chapter in Night 2. They can be defeated with a Flippendo spell, but first you must pull off their shields with a Carpe Retractum spell.



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Go with the Throw

Florida Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis is known for his eye-popping fastballs and his wiry limbs. Last year, his skills led the team to a World Series victory. The 22-year-old lefty was also named Rookie of the Year. Joel Poiley uncovered a mound of information about the player known as D-Train.

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How Dontrelle protects his pitching arm and hand: "I play basketball to get in shape and I don't sleep on my left side."

Speed of his fastest pitch: 94 miles per hour

How it felt to win the World Series last year: "For that year you're the best team in the world. It doesn't matter what you do the rest of your career. It's awesome."

When he first started playing: "I remember carrying around a plastic bat when I could barely walk. I didn't realize I was that good at baseball until I was called [to play for the major leagues] last year."

A prank his teammates have played on him: "As part of rookie initiation last year, I had to wear a Hooters outfit on the plane from Atlanta [Georgia] to Philadelphia [Pennsylvania] and walk through the hotel dressed like that."



Where he developed his peekaboo pitching motion (lifting his leg up to his chin to hide the ball from the batter): "I didn't pick it up from watching anyone or watching games on TV," says Dontrelle. He has always thrown that way. "When I was a kid, it was just to deceive the hitter and hide the ball."

The funniest thing to happen to him during a game: "During a Rookie League game, I was covering first base. The first baseman threw the ball behind me, and I got tangled up. My shoe flew off and went into the opposing dugout. I had to hop over there after the play to get my shoe. Everybody was laughing."

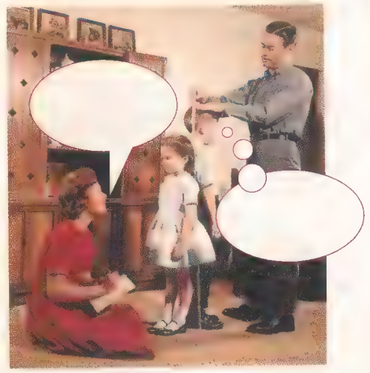
What he likes to do in his spare time: "Watch basketball games. I go see the Miami Heat a lot."

Why pitchers kick the dirt around on the mound before they pitch: Dontrelle says that it's usually "to dig a hole so the pitcher can get leverage to push off [with his foot] and drive toward the plate."

Will you walk me?

WHATEVER YOU WANT

Say What? from the February issue Real



Woman speaking: So, what size box should I get?
Boy thinking: Oh, no, they're mailing us to Grandma's again!
Adam P., age 8
Lebanon, New Jersey

Woman speaking: Grow another foot and you'll be as tall as your brother!
Boy thinking: A sister with three feet? What will my friends say?
Alex A., age 11
Austin, Texas*



Woman speaking: You're four inches tall.
Boy thinking: The measuring stick is upside down again.
Rebecka S., age 13
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Woman speaking: Oh, Jane, you've grown so much!
Boy thinking: Yeah, grown on my nerves.
Taylor R., age 12
Novato, California

Woman speaking: We told you that if you were bad you would be punished.
Boy thinking: But burning at the stake is ridiculous!
Brandon G., age 7
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Woman speaking: Kids, that's the last time we let you play with the Krazy Glue and yardsticks!
Boy thinking: It was her idea.
Tessa B., age 11
Bethesda, Maryland*

*We received several entries like this one.

Thanks for all of your entries. They *ruled*!



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Boy Meets Dragon

Christopher Paolini was only 15 when he started writing his best-selling novel, *Eragon*. The book tells the story of a boy named Eragon and the magical dragon he befriends. Christopher, who is 20 now, took time out from writing the second book in the *Inheritance* trilogy to talk to Marc Tyler Nobleman.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Why did you write *Eragon*?
CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI: I was homeschooled my entire life, and I graduated from high school at fifteen. Since I live in the middle of Montana, I was looking for a project to occupy my time. I decided to write a story—not to get it published, but just something that I would enjoy reading.

How long did it take to write?
It took a year for the first draft, a second year to rewrite it, and a third year to edit it with my parents.

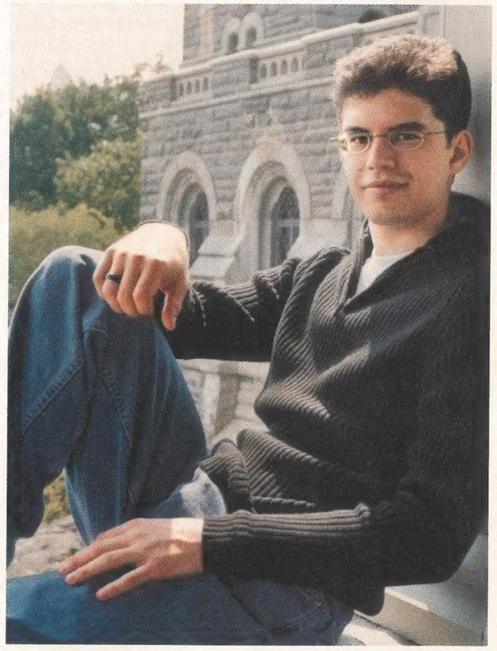
How did you come up with the name *Eragon*?
It's *dragon* with one letter changed. I like *Eragon* because not only is it related to *dragon*, but it also [sounds like] "era gone by," so it has two different meanings.


That went in one era and out the other.

Did you base any of the characters on people you know?
Eragon started off as myself. Eventually, he ended up mutating into his own personality. And Angela, the herbalist, was based on my sister, Angela. In retribution, she has put me in her first fantasy novel as an arms dealer with an armored racing snail.

Did your friends know you were writing a novel?
I mentioned it to them, but I didn't make a big deal out of it. When you're fifteen and [you say] "I'm writing a book," everyone smiles and goes, "Okay, right. Good for you. Get a job at McDonald's." So [the book's success] caught everyone by surprise. It caught *me* by surprise!

You write fantasy novels. Does your life in the past year seem like a fantasy?
If I wrote a book where all this happened to a character, no one would believe it! It has been incredible. ❐



Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction

Number of languages Christopher created for *Eragon*: Three (the elven, Urgal, and dwarf languages)

Favorite book at age 11: *The Ruby Knight* by David Eddings

Favorite book now: *His Dark Materials* series by Philip Pullman

Most unusual hobby: Making his own knives, swords, and chain-mail armor

Planned release of the movie version of *Eragon*: December 2005

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GOOF TROUPE: In the answer for "Hook the Crook" in our April issue, we left out a key word in the third sentence. It should have read: "You can eliminate every other suspect for whom at least two items in a description *don't* apply." We're guilty.



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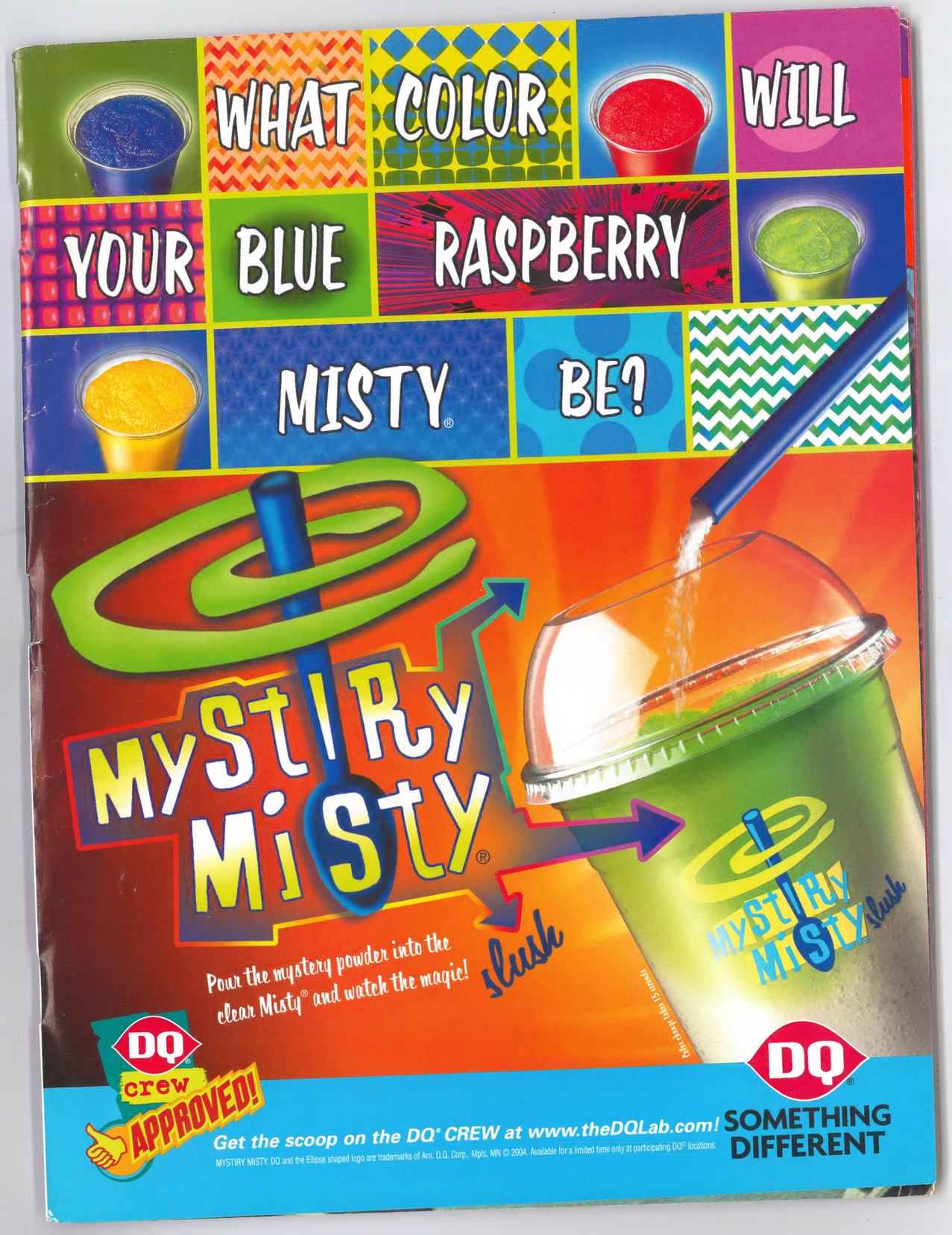
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